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NOT A SPECIAL ISSUE, BUT AN ISSUE THAT'S SPECIAL

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, *Γ*/BUTLER, EDITOR

FAITHFUL READERS OF THE THETA MAGAZINE WILL REMEMBER THAT EACH YEAR, WE PUBLISH ONE ISSUE THAT IS ALMOST TWICE THE SIZE OF THE OTHER THREE. IT IS THE SPRING ISSUE, AND YOUR EDITOR IS PLEASED TO INTRODUCE THE 2015 EDITION.

Of course, it's not just the spring issues that contain unique features; the summer, autumn, and winter issues of our magazine also include articles that set them apart from one another. Because of this, we flatter ourselves that every issue is distinctive, and we don't tout the spring magazines as special issues or deluxe editions or flagship publications.

It's possible, however, that the Spring 2015 Theta magazine can be considered especially noteworthy. Let's start with the front cover.

The pictured collegian personifies the next generation of Kappa Alpha Theta leading women and Theta Foundation's commitment to endowing programs that impact women like her. Theta Foundation is conducting a capital campaign to invest in two proven programs: the Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) program and a new need-based scholarship program.

- With the increasingly high cost of education, we are at risk of watching promising young women walk away from Theta—and their university—simply because they can't afford the rising cost of higher education. If Theta is to remain a leader in the Greek community and to stand by our belief that leadership should evolve from ability and not privilege, then we must offer scholarship opportunities to those sisters who are most in need of our help.
- Educational leadership consultants are vital to the health of our college chapters and thus our Fraternity as a whole. These young women, fresh out of college themselves, are both peers and role models for collegians. Investing in the ELC program helps college chapters produce stronger leaders and more successful students who have transformative college experiences.

You can learn more about the first-of-its-kind capital campaign by Theta Foundation beginning on page 18.

Now let's look at the back cover. One of our newer regular features, "Voices" offers quotes not only from the magazine in which it's printed, but also from Theta's website and other media. This quarter, the quotes are all about Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) because the Fraternity is celebrating the 25th anniversary of our relationship with this amazing organization. As part of the celebration, we have been seeking and sharing stories of the many ways Thetas support, advocate, and volunteer for CASA. On page 17, you can meet Mattie Loder, Delta Eta/Kansas State, who has strengthened the connection between her Theta chapter and her local CASA chapter.

Between our two covers—along with the features about CASA and Theta Foundation—are additional articles reflecting Theta's aspiration to spread the widest influence for good. On October 19, chapters and individuals celebrated Theta's sixth annual Day of Service. Beginning on page 36, you can read about service projects and philanthropy efforts both large and small that enriched our campuses and communities. One venerable philanthropic event is the Houston Charity Antiques Show, now in its 63rd year. Since its founding by Houston alumnae, the antiques show has raised more than \$6.5 million for numerous beneficiaries, including Child Advocates and the scholarship program of Theta Foundation. You can learn more about the 2014 show on page 32.

Of course, we would feel less than well-rounded if we concentrated on one aspiration to the exclusion of the other three! All four aspirations from our Plan of Aspirations are reflected in the Fraternity's annual report, which is traditionally part of the spring issue. As in past years, the State of the Fraternity Report for 2014 details our progress toward reaching the goals outlined in the plan. You can find this report beginning on page 14.

Finally, this issue pays some extra attention to intellectual and professional achievement. On page 46, we honor the undergraduate Thetas who achieved straight As during the 2013-14 academic year. And our profile article, pages 26 through 29, portrays an alumna with a notable career at Hallmark, Disney, Gateway Learning Corporation, Mattel, and (currently) American Girl. The core message Jean Smith McKenzie, Alpha Mu/Missouri, wants to convey to young girls through American Girl programs and products is worded differently than the Fraternity's core messages, yet it likely resonates with Thetas of all ages: stand tall, reach high, dream big. ♦

ON THE COVER: GABI SHEVEL, ETA SIGMA/CHAPMAN, shot on Chapman's campus by JESSICA CARDELUCCI NUGENT, ETA SIGMA/CHAPMAN.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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- We regret that in the Winter issue (page 11), a reunion of four alumnae of the Beta Pi Chapter was labeled as a reunion of Beta Phi alumnae.

PASes NEEDED

A permanent alumnae secretary (PAS) maintains records of all initiated members of a given chapter. In this way, these officers of the Fraternity ensure that each alumna remains in touch with Theta. Each of the following chapters is in need of a PAS. For more information, please contact Lou Simpson, 248-642-2468, or LWetstein@att.net.

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Congratulations to the following alumnae and college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2015.

125 YEARS

Ψ/Wisconsin
Ω/UC Berkeley

100 YEARS

AX/Purdue
AΨ/Lawrence
AΩ/Pittsburgh

75 YEARS

Miami Alumnae Chapter

50 YEARS

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25 YEARS

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Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/events/reunions.

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.



ANNOUNCING Theta Traveler

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Kappa Alpha Theta is pleased to announce the Theta Traveler Program, which provides opportunities to connect with Theta sisters and meet new friends as you travel to some of the world's most exciting locations. Whether you're interested in learning about affordable travel options, planning a chapter reunion, or are seeking travel companions or groups, Theta Traveler will help make it happen.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THETATRAVELER.COM

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THIS YEAR MARKS THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE *KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE*; IT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1885. THIS YEAR ALSO MARKS THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR MAGAZINE'S PRESENCE ON THE INTERNET; THE FIRST ONLINE VERSION WAS POSTED TO KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG IN THE SPRING OF 2006.

Today, all four quarterly issues of the Theta magazine are available to all Thetas online. In addition, each spring issue is mailed to all Thetas with a valid mailing address in the Fraternity database. The summer, autumn, and winter issues are distributed on a limited basis, which is delineated in the chart below.



I AM	PRINTED MAGAZINE	ONLINE MAGAZINE
A collegian	All issues	All issues
A recent (within five years) graduate	All issues	All issues
A dues-paying member of an alumnae chapter	All issues	All issues
An alumna who pays dues directly to the Fraternity	All issues	All issues
Theta Life Loyal	All issues	All issues
Not in one of the above groups	Spring issue	All issues

If you are an alumna who doesn't currently receive four printed issues of the Theta magazine each year, you may find more information about alumnae groups and Fraternity dues online.

After logging into kappaalphatheta.org, choose Find a College Chapter or Alumnae Group or Alumnae Dues in the list of links to the left of the screen. You may find more information about Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal on page 34.

Thank You, Theta VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the leading women who help make Theta her best. They support our alumnae and college chapters, they find updated member contact information, they plan events, and so much more. Theta volunteers donate something that is very precious to each and every one of us—their time.

Thank you to the thousands of women who, from our Fraternity's beginning, have given selflessly of themselves so that Theta continues to thrive for future generations.

"I AM A THETA" IS SOMETHING WE ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, WHETHER WE JUST RECEIVED A BID DAY CARD OR A 75-YEAR MEMBER PIN. THE FONDNESS WE HAVE FOR THETA COMES FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES—THE PEOPLE WE MEET, THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, AND THE STORIES WE TELL. THESE STORIES ARE WHAT CONNECT



US TO ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD. WE ALL HAVE A THETA STORY TO TELL. TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ONE OF YOURS, AND SHARE IT AT WWW.KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO READ THETA STORIES SUBMITTED BY OTHER MEMBERS.

SHARE STORIES

Visit the I Am a Theta area of www.kappaalphatheta.org to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Login required for submissions.)

A FIFTH-YEAR STUDENT'S THOUGHTS

When you look back on your college chapter days, you won't remember the socials, the rules, or the meetings. But you will remember the friends, the role models, and the women who looked up to you and believed in you even when you didn't yourself.

Starting out, I didn't want to join a sorority; actually, I didn't want to be at the University of Nevada at all.

The first week of my freshman year—much to my dismay—I went through recruitment and had to miss the first football game. (Thanks a lot, Mom!)

I joined my chapter, gained sisters and friends, went through the new member process, and so on and so forth. Was I extremely enthusiastic about getting involved? Not always. Was I around all the time taking advantage of events? Not really. Was I obsessive about crafting and screaming "BIG" every chance I got? Um, not even close.

Greek life never fully defined me. It was a part of my life, of course, but it was never my entire life.

But I can't help but think about my time in my chapter compared to where I am now.

It's easy to take your circumstances for granted and not understand the impact of different experiences. It's easy to see the annoying stuff, and it's easy to complain about an obligation. It takes some thought to see the opportunities, to realize that every smile is a blessing, and to see the beauty around you.

I remember the women who wanted me to represent them as a homecoming candidate when I had no idea anyone took me seriously at all. I remember the women who believed that I could be vice president of programming for Panhellenic Council when I didn't think I could speak in front of two people, let alone the entire Greek community. I remember the women who told me they valued my opinion during recruitment when I thought they assumed I was simply a "good time" and nothing more. I remember the women who believed in me when I didn't. I remember the women who looked up to me while I was a collegian member, and I remember the women who look up to me now as an alumna and who continue to inspire me to be better and do better every day.

So when you look back on your college chapter days, you won't remember the socials, the rules, or the meetings. But you will remember the friends, the role models, and the women who looked up to you and believed in you even when you didn't yourself.

Now, when I look back and think about my experi-

ence, I'll remember all those things and know that I can do whatever is ahead of me. You can also bet that I encourage all members—new and current—to be as involved as possible and scream "BIG" at the top of their lungs as much as they want.

ANASTASIA WARREN, BM/NEVADA, will graduate this spring.

BETTIE'S DREAM IS MY REALITY

"Just think, if it grows and multiplies, it may someday bring together into sisterly relationship women from all parts of the country who have never seen each other before, who are all friends, because of Theta..."
— Bettie Locke Hamilton, c. 1870

Little did I know that this amazing woman's dream would impact my life so much! Beginning recruitment, I really had no idea if Greek life was for me or not. I had my doubts, but I also dreamt of finding an incredible group of women to build lifelong friendships with. After the long and crazy week of recruitment, I joined Kappa Alpha Theta.

Freshman year came and went, filled with chapter meetings, date functions, sisterhood retreats, study groups, and more; but I mostly stuck to my comfort zone without ever really branching out or striving for more.

But halfway through sophomore year, my sisters saw the potential in me to serve on our executive board—the biggest push out of my comfort zone I could have asked for! Sophomore and junior years were both filled with many new challenges and adventures, and I always found myself surrounded by strong and loving women. They made me laugh and pushed me to do my best, all while being there for me in times of need.

The end of the first semester of my junior year greeted me with the opportunity to serve as Delta Kappa's chief executive officer. This experience awarded me the chance to deepen my growing friendships with my sisters, to connect with other members of LSU Greek Life, and even to meet other Thetas from across North America at Grand Convention this past summer.

The greatest thing I've learned through my experiences in Theta is that you should always surround yourself with people who lift you up. Kappa Alpha Theta has offered me nothing short of this. My college experience wouldn't be anything compared to what it has been without the great sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta. Even better than anything my freshman self could have dreamed of.

ADELE WIGGINS, ΔK/LSU, will graduate this spring. ◇

"You will remember the women who looked up to you and believed in you even when you didn't yourself."

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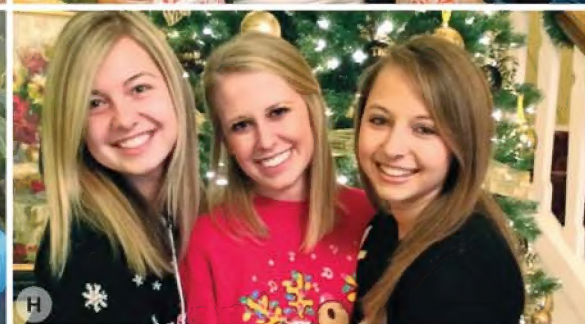
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COLLEGE CHAPTERS

- A** LAUREN GIERY, RACHEL RHODES, MICHELLE SLOSS, and JOCELYN NICOTERO, Λ /VERMONT, posed for a holiday photo.
- B** JILLIAN ZDEPSKI, CAMILLE CHABOT, and KRISTEN FARABAUGH, Σ /CAL POLY, took a holiday photo on Santana Row.
- C** LAUREN COOK, TATIANA MARQUIS, BREE OLDHAM, MACY DYE, and DANIELLE COOPER were dolled up in pink flowered shirts for EPSILON EPSILON/BAYLOR'S bid day.
- D** MARLENA LUCIANO, ERIN DOOLEY, CHELSEA WHITMAN, ERIN LARSEN, MADISON RAY, and ERIKA LYNN, HP/

JAMES MADISON, won Chapter of the Year at their campus's annual Greek awards banquet.

- E** MELISSA MARLIN, ELANA ACKERMAN HIRSCH, and RACHEL MCKEAN, Δ I/PUGET SOUND, spent a day at Spooner Farms with the chapter to celebrate fall. The farm included a pumpkin patch and corn maze, among other attractions.

- F** DELTA UPSILON/EASTERN KENTUCKY members KRISSIE HOGAN and KATIE SCOTT were both nominated for homecoming court. Hogan won the title of homecoming queen, and Scott was second runner-up. Pictured are Scott, Hogan, and ASHLEY BROWN, a Δ Y/EASTERN KENTUCKY alumna.

- G** ELIZA MUNGER, HATTIE MCKAY, and KYLA DIERKING pose together before the start of Δ I/PUGET SOUND's philanthropy event, Rock the CASA.
- H** LAYNE SMITH, ERIN YORK, and EMILY BODIN, Γ /BUTLER, dressed in holiday attire before winter break.
- I** Santa Claus made a special appearance at DELTA OMEGA/TEXAS A&M's semi-formal.
- J** GIOVANNA CERVANTES, ANSLEY HOWZE, and AMANDA BARNETT, H Φ /BELMONT, graduated in December 2014.
- K** KELYN JACQUES, BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE, accepted a proposal from her now-fiancé and celebrated with her chapter sisters after a candlelight ceremony.

THETAS OF NOTE



KIM HARVEY LOONEY, Δ I/TENNESSEE, was named 2015 Women of Influence by the *Nashville Business Journal*.



SHARON GRAY LIETZOW, B Σ /SOUTHERN METHODIST, pictured at the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra 10th Anniversary Celebration Concert and Gala, was an honoree at the event and is a founding board of director.



REBECCA CHISM, N/HANOVER, earned the Distinguished Teaching Award for her impact on her students in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies at Kent State.



LAWRENCE BLANK COOK, Δ H/VANDERBILT, was named 2015 Women of Influence by the *Nashville Business Journal*.



NANCY CUTLER MULDER, B/INDIANA, was elected to a four-year term as judge of County Criminal Court #4 in Dallas County, Texas.



L MEAGAN FRANK, BRYNNE KURTZ, and KATIE TURNER, AO/OKLAHOMA, traveled to San Sebastián, Spain, during their semester abroad in spring 2014.

M Members of PSI/WISCONSIN posed for a photo with Lake Mendota in the background between a recruitment round.

N ETA PHI/BELMONT hosted Theta Foundation President MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS, BK/DRAKE, during the fall semester.

O BETA LAMBDA/WILLIAM & MARY members celebrated bid day together this fall.

P EPSILON ZETA/MISSISSIPPI welcomed several new members in September.

Q Members of of BETA OMICRON at IOWA hosted a recruitment kickoff event with local

alumnae.

R HY/SAN FRANCISCO welcomed new members with large golden balloons spelling "Theta" on bid day.

S SYDNEY KEATON and SHAY BERGMAN, B/INDIANA, celebrated bid day with Theta-decorated cookies.

T MARIANNE SCHMIDT and her mom DONNA LEVENS SCHMIDT, EZ/MISSISSIPPI, were excited to become Theta sisters on EPSILON ZETA CHAPTER'S bid day.

Not pictured

CHI/SYRACUSE members and local New York City alumnae celebrated Chi Chapter's 125th anniversary at a country club in Syracuse, NY.



LAURA ZIMMERMAN MAYE, T/NORTHWESTERN, founded Edible Type, a Chicago-based online retailer offering a high-quality collection of modern, vintage, and collectible used cookbooks.



OLIVIA LEWIS, EA/DICKINSON, ran a half marathon during the Baltimore Running Festival in October to raise money and awareness for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).



ALISA HENDRIX, B/INDIANA, was elected to the Indiana University Foundation Board of Directors, which is the governing body for the IU Foundation.



DR. NINA HUYNH DOYLE, EE/UC IRVINE, received the Optometrist of the Year award, given by the Maryland Optometric Association at their Annual Convention in November 2014.



GLORIA ANDREW, ΓΔ/GEORGIA, received The Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association's Hellenic Jewel Award, recognizing the member "most exemplifying the truest meaning of Greek sisterhood."



ALUMNAE

- A** BETA PHI/PENN STATE alumnae ANNE NITRAUER FETHERMAN, GINNY HINTZ REMMEY, HELEN SKADE HINTZ, NANCY SONES FUNK, and MYRNA PAYNTER FRIDY attended the dedication of the Arboretum at Penn State Children's Garden. Hintz and her husband were major contributors to the Arboretum.
- B** LISSA THOMAS HARRISON and LAUREN THOMAS BREDTHAUER, both AΘ/TEXAS, attended the FORT WORTH ALUMNAE CHAPTER'S Christmas party.
- C** Theta alumnae living in London gathered for a luncheon in November.

- D** The MIAMI ALUMNAE CHAPTER celebrated its 75th chapter anniversary at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club in January.
- E** BARBARA YOUNG SIPP, AΓ/OHIO STATE, and JULIE HARDESTY HELLAND, BT/DENISON, attended a holiday event for the ARLINGTON AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER.
- F** WESTCHESTER ALUMNAE CHAPTER members LISA DAVIS OLNEY, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE, and SANDI PEDERZINI, Λ/VERMONT, enjoyed the annual holiday party.
- G** Six BETA DELTA/ARIZONA alumnae celebrated 30 years of Theta membership in Shanghai and Beijing. Pictured are ANNIE JENSEN CAMPBELL, KIM CORLEY HUMPHREY, LISA MARIETTI GOTSDINER, KIM ZIZIC SALATA (front),

KELLY WESTHOFF MICHAEL, and CATHY STANLEY SCHROTT (back).

- H** EPSILON EPSILON/BAYLOR alumnae enjoyed a reunion that included a painting class.
- I** These ALPHA RHO/SOUTH DAKOTA alumnae enjoyed a reunion in August: LILLIAN LACHICOTTE, MARILYN HOHM HOYT, MARVELLE FRIESE STONE, MARGARET ROSSOW NELSEN, JUDITH PILCHER FRANK, MARY ELLEN BERDAHL LANTIS (back row), JANET CHAPMAN FOWLER, PAT BORCHERS SMITH, JUDITH WACHLIN VANDERPOL, LINDA DEMLO, and JEWELL MCLAUGHLIN HOOD (front row).
- J** Ten ALPHA SIGMA/WASHINGTON STATE alumnae met in Seattle in September for their annual reunion.

THETAS OF NOTE



The U.S. Golf Association will honor **BARBARA BASH NICKLAUS**, AΓ/OHIO STATE, with the 2015 Bob Jones Award at the ceremony during the 2015 US Open Championship.

LINDSAY YOUNG LOPEZ, AM/MISSOURI, was selected as the new executive director for The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.

MANDY JOYE, ΔE/NORTH CAROLINA, was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed upon her by

her peers for "scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications."

MARTHA MCELVEEN EZZARD, ΓΔ/GEORGIA, was hosted by The Tattered Cover in Denver for a discussion of her book, *The Second Bud*.

In summer 2015, **LIZ COWLE**, AΦ/TULANE, will embark on a 4,000-mile cross-country trek from San Francisco to Baltimore in support of the Ullman Cancer Fund (UFC) 4K for Cancer. She is one of 150 young adults taking part in the cross-country run.



Women of the **LOS ANGELES ALUMNAE CHAPTER** celebrated Founders Day.



REUNIONS & MORE

K Eighteen women from the 1969 new member class of **ALPHA/DEPAUW** reunited in Chicago in June 2014.

L Alumnae from **BETA IOTA/COLORADO** reunited and spent a weekend in Boulder, Colorado. Attendees included **BETSY KOHL COLE**, **JUDITH KRAUS ANDERSON**, **NANCY PROCTOR PESMAN**, **TERIE ANDERSON ROUBOS**, **LINDA GUSTAFSON SHAW**, **GAIL CLEMENTS PALMER-POTTINGER**, **JUDITH JOHNSON PIERROT** (back), **CORALUE ANDERSON**, **BARBARA KELLY EARNEST**, and **JOAN REYNOLDS SHEPHERD** (front).

M **GAMMA PI/IOWA STATE** alumnae from the 1970-72 new member classes reunited during

homecoming weekend. **ALEX LIDGETT**, the alumnae engagement director for the chapter, joined the group photo.

N Oklahoma Governor **MARY COPELAND FALLIN**, **BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE**, hosted a luncheon with local Theta collegians during the holidays. Pictured with Fallin are **BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE** members **KELSEY ANDERSON**, **LYNDSAY PARKS**, **BRITTON HART**, and **ADDI PARSONS**.

O Members of **DELTA KAPPA/LOUISIANA STATE** celebrated 145 years of Kappa Alpha Theta together in January.

P More than 20 **THETA KAPPA/LOUISVILLE** members attended their first Founders Day with the **LOUISVILLE ALUMNAE**

CHAPTER.

Q The **GREATER KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE CHAPTER** celebrated the Fraternity's 145th Founders Day.

Not pictured

The 1983 class of **BETA SIGMA/SOUTHERN METHODIST** reunited in Dallas in October 2013.

VERONICA BUCHER, **ZΘ/CAL POLY**, and **DANAE SMITH**, **ΔI/PUGET SOUND**, met as Peace Corps volunteers in the Dominican Republic.

MARTI STILWELL PETERSON, **AP/SOUTH DAKOTA**, and **DINAH HAMPTON MCCLYMONDS**, **AO/OKLAHOMA**, attended a gala in honor of **SHARON GRAY LIETZOW**, **BΣ/SOUTHERN METHODIST**.



PI/ALBION members **KRISTEN BEYER**, **MADLINE BEATTIE**, and **ALLISON VOORHES** took photos with a set of Theta letters on bid day.



Three **DELTA OMICRON/ALABAMA** members—**LINDSAY RIELAND**, **AUDREY GUNN**, and **KARA WHELPLY**—were recognized at the Greek Excellence Awards Banquet in early 2015.



JANE LOFQUIST and **MIRANDA HANSON** celebrated **UPSILON/MINNESOTA**'s bid day with a red, white, and blue theme.



One family initiated their fifth Theta member in fall 2014. Pictured are **GRETCHEN MYERS MCKINNEY**, **ΔΔI/TEXAS A&M**; **SARAH MYERS HARRIS**, **RACHEL MCKINNEY** and **DEBBIE MYERS BOCKHOFF**, all **ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**; and **HANNAH BOCKHOFF STEWART**, **ΓΨ/TCU**. ♦

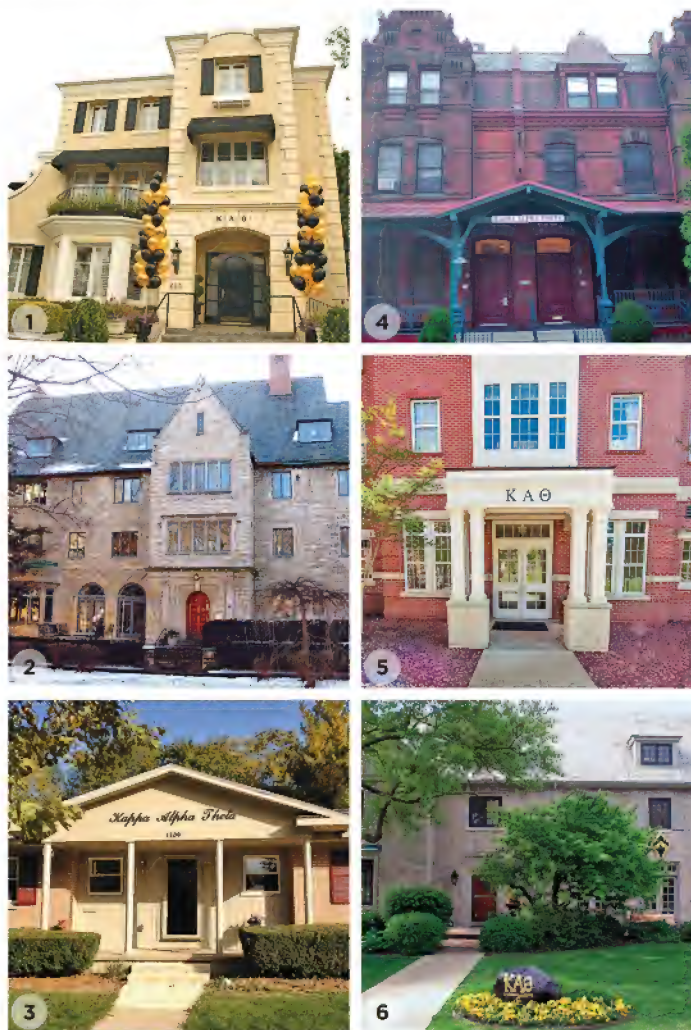
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ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES, THETA PROPERTIES LOOK DIFFERENT FROM THE OUTSIDE; SOME ARE BRICK WITH WHITE COLUMNS, SOME ARE STONE, OTHERS HAVE GORGEOUS DETAILS SUCH AS STAINED GLASS. WHETHER YOU ARE A PARENT, NEW MEMBER, OR ALUMNA, THE EXTERIOR OF A FACILITY IS OFTEN ONE'S FIRST IMPRESSION OF A KAPPA ALPHA THETA CHAPTER. ONE THING THETA FACILITIES HAVE IN COMMON IS A FRONT DOOR THAT NOT ONLY OPENS INTO A SPACE TO GATHER AS A CHAPTER, BUT ALSO UNLOCKS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIFETIME OF FRIENDSHIP, MEMORY MAKING, AND SISTERS YOU CAN COUNT ON. THE FAÇADE OF A FACILITY MAY LEAD TO A FIRST IMPRESSION, BUT IT'S THE MEMORIES MADE WITHIN THE FACILITY WALLS THAT ARE LASTING.

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By participating in FHC, chapters have access to top-notch interior design resources. The FHC Interior Design Committee (IDC) is made up of a group of Theta alumnae, all professional interior designers, who volunteer their time and talent in renovating facilities all over the US.

When a chapter becomes an FHC participant, a member of the IDC, the chapter's designated FHC property manager, and a property inspector will make an initial visit to the facility, meet with chapter officers and advisors and complete an assessment of the facility's short and long-term needs. The team will develop a budgeted plan, match it with the chapter's wish list and present it to the FHC board for approval and

scheduling. Depending on the scope and complexity of the project, this process can take 12 months or more.

All FHC chapters and facilities differ, and renovation projects can range from one room to the entire facility. The FHC board will look at each chapter's individual needs. Depending on the urgency of potential upgrades and available funds, renovations may be done all at once or spread out over a number of years. Visit the housing website at housing.kappaalphatheta.org/ to see before-and-after pictures of projects completed by our interior design team.

Are you an interior designer interested in learning more about volunteering for Theta? Contact us, kathfc@kappaalphatheta.org. ♦

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ΒΓ/Colorado State
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ΓΠ/Iowa State
ΓΨ/Texas Christian
ΓΩ/Auburn
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ΕΠ/Bucknell University
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ΕΥ/Columbia
ΖΗ/Wofford
ΖΝ/UC Davis
ΖΟ/Wake Forest
ΖΡ/UC San Diego
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ΖΧ/Johns Hopkins
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ΗΝ/Lake Forest
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ΗΟ/North Florida
ΗΠ/Case Western Reserve
ΗΡ/James Madison
ΗΣ/Chapman
ΗΤ/Tampa
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3. Π/Albion; 4. BH/Pennsylvania;
5. TΩ/Auburn; T/Butler.

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25 YEARS

KAΘ & CASA

ONE INTERNSHIP TWO AMAZING ORGANIZATIONS

BY MATTIE LODER, ΔH/KANSAS STATE

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY BETWEEN KAPPA ALPHA THETA AND COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)! WE WILL CELEBRATE BY SHARING STORIES WITH YOU OF CASA'S WORK, CURRENT AND PAST FOSTER CHILDREN, AND HOW YOU, TOO, CAN COMMEMORATE THIS MILESTONE.

Since joining the Delta Eta Chapter, I have grown so much as a woman, leader, friend, and community servant. I have come to better understand exactly how Theta has helped me grow socially and morally through my leadership positions and multiple opportunities both on and off campus. I have met many Theta collegians and alumnae all around the United States. It has been so neat to instantly develop a bond with another woman, just because of Theta. My Theta sisters inspire and encourage me to become a better version of myself. I would not be the person that I am today without Theta.

I had never heard of CASA until I went through recruitment. When I visited the Theta chapter on service and philanthropy day, I knew that I wanted to learn more about this amazing organization, whether I became a Theta or not. The presentation about the Sunflower CASA Project and the bookmarks we were making for the CASA children brought tears to my eyes and struck a chord in my heart. When it came time to apply for the non-profit internship required by my minor, Sunflower CASA immediately came to mind. I contacted them and within a week had obtained an internship position for the coming semester.

Through this internship, I have learned so much about our local CASA as well as national CASA. I have had

the freedom to shape my internship experience into something meaningful, for both myself and Sunflower CASA.

One of my most important efforts is strengthening the relationship between our Theta chapter and Sunflower CASA. We have several members who are CASA volunteers, and our chapter is the single largest donor to the CASA chapter. This year we hosted our 18th annual WildKAT Chase Superhero 5K to benefit Sunflower CASA. We raised more than \$19,000 during 2014 from that event and our spring philanthropy, Cravings for CASA (a dessert bar with a few carnival-type activities). I also worked with our service and philanthropy director to host a Halloween-themed mixer for Delta Eta members and CASA volunteers and their families. There was a great turn-out for the social event; we plan to make this an annual event and are expecting even better attendance next year!

My experience as an intern has helped widen my influence for good, strengthen my leadership skills, cultivate my creative abilities, and meet some of the needs of Sunflower CASA. The partnership that has now existed for 25 years between CASA and Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity is very special and important, and I believe that it is mutually beneficial. When people find out I am a Theta, they immediately associate our Fraternity with CASA.

Through this internship, I have been fortunate to find an avenue to contribute to this wonderful organization. I am looking forward to what the future will bring and to sharing with others what Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity and CASA means to me.

About the author: Mattie Loder is a senior majoring in accounting and minoring in non-profit leadership studies. She has served the Delta Eta Chapter as chief financial officer and chief Panhellenic officer.

STORIES SOUGHT

We need your help to tell the story of Theta and CASA! Theta wants to highlight members and chapters who support, advocate, and volunteer for this great cause. Do you have a successful signature philanthropy event? Do you volunteer at your local CASA's events and programs? Do you plan an educational opportunity for your chapter to learn more about CASA? Do you work for CASA or volunteer as an advocate? If so, we want to know! Send your stories and photos to CASA@kappaalphatheta.org. You may see yourself (or your chapter) featured in a future anniversary newsletter or blog post.



MATTIE LODER,
ΔH/KANSAS STATE

"My Theta sisters inspire me and encourage me."



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Kappa Alpha Theta's strategic plan—the Plan of Aspirations—defines the Fraternity's mission and clarifies our purpose, intended actions, and contributions to our communities. The Plan mirrors the fundamental values of our organization: high intellectual aims, the widest influence for good, a relevant experience for all members, and efficient business operations.

The following report provides general treasury information for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014) and a brief overview of Fraternity programming for the 2014 calendar year. The programming information is arranged to reflect the Plan of Aspirations.

STATE OF THE FRATERNITY 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Kappa Alpha Theta's annual state of the Fraternity report, by definition, looks backward.



LAURA WARE DOERRE,
ΔΕ/NORTH CAROLINA
Fraternity President

It attempts to describe our strategies, summarize our goals, and quantify the actions taken to achieve those goals over the past calendar year. To a certain extent, however, this 2014 report looks back even farther; it actually had its genesis five years ago, when Grand Council adopted Theta's Plan of Aspirations.

Yet the 2014 report also looks forward. Its publication occurs in close conjunction with Grand Council's Spring 2015 meeting, at which we will refresh the Plan and thus map the Fraternity's direction for the next four years. I choose the word *refresh* deliberately. As its name states, our plan will continue to be based on aspirations grounded in our ritual. But the goals—long-term milestones set by Council—as well as the objectives and action plans—short-term methods for achieving the goals and thus the aspirations—will certainly evolve.

Our original Plan of Aspirations comprises lofty aims, and I am extremely proud of our progress. Let me highlight just a few examples. Our collegians exemplify the widest influence for good: since the autumn of 2012 they have collectively averaged 92,265 service hours each semester. Our alumnae promote the relevance of the Theta experience: Kappa Alpha Theta leads the sorority world with 6.5 percent of alumnae actively engaged—and we have increased the number of “engaged” alumnae by 16 percent over the past five years—while most women's groups engage four to five percent of their alumnae membership. Our chapters demonstrate intellectual ambition: since the autumn of 2010, an average of 75 percent of our college chapters are above the

all-sorority average on their respective campuses. And we have allocated our resources to best serve the mission of Kappa Alpha Theta: we successfully streamlined the workforce structure and eliminated programs whose costs outweighed their benefits.

Did we achieve everything we set out to? No, for several reasons. In some cases, the goals themselves weren't realistic; in others, the time frame for accomplishing them was not reasonable; in still other cases, changing circumstances impacted our progress or our priorities. As risks emerge, for example, we necessarily respond in order to ensure our long-term relevance. These are challenging times for Greek organizations. Recent high-profile events on specific campuses have posed potential threats to the long-term viability of Greek life. Some have questioned the value of single-sex fraternal organizations. Accordingly, we must allocate more resources to public relations efforts designed to justify our societal value. That said, we have made significant progress toward our aspirations: not always along the paths we planned five years ago, but steadfastly, with our compass pointed in the same direction. And therein lies our real success. The Plan has enabled us to remain focused, yet flexible to respond nimbly as necessary to reach our aspirations.

Over the last five years, our Plan of Aspirations has guided us as we implemented a structure and an organizational culture that positions us to thrive in today's dynamic environment. Thanks to our Plan, we have signposts for future success as we remain true to the values with which we were founded. Along with the other members of Grand Council, I am looking forward to renewing our commitment to an updated plan that leverages our strengths, prioritizes our initiatives, and leads the Fraternity into our Sesquicentennial celebration.

Loyally,
Laura Ware Doerre, ΔΕ/North Carolina
Fraternity President

GENERAL TREASURY INCOME

TOTAL \$7.817M

Services/Supplies***	6.61%	\$517K
Alumnae Support****	3.29%	\$257K
Member Non-Dues Income**	2.91%	\$228K
Leadership Training Fund Grant	3.56%	\$278K
Risk Management Fees	6.46%	\$505K
Foundation Grant	7.49%	\$586K
International Meeting	12.58%	\$983K
College Chapter Support*	52.87%	\$4.133M
Investment Return	4.23%	\$330K
		Total \$7.817M

- * Initiation, per capita & chapter services, etc.
- ** Merchandise sales, jewelry commission, etc.
- *** Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.
- **** Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters and Life Loyal memberships

GENERAL TREASURY EXPENSE **

TOTAL \$6.978M

Fraternity Officer Administration	1.68%	\$117K
Capital Improvement***	4.07%	\$284K
Risk Management	6.08%	\$424K
Central Office Administration	29.66%	\$2.070M
International Meeting	15.02%	\$1.048M
Programs*	40.27%	\$2.811M
Investment Income to Disestablished Chapter Reserves	3.22%	\$224K
		Total \$6.978M

- * Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, AlcoholEdu, etc.
- ** Percent of total toward educational programs is 28%
- *** Capital information systems upgrades, asset disposition, capital building improvements, headquarters & facilities depreciation

2012-2014 GRAND COUNCIL

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CHAPTERS #1 IN SCHOLARSHIP

Γ/Butler
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Κ/Kansas
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Φ/Pacific*
Χ /Syracuse
ΑΓ/Ohio State*
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ΑΜ/Missouri*
ΑΝ/Montana*
ΑΞ/Oregon
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ΕΙ/Westminster*
ΕΜ/Princeton*
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ΖΞ/-
ΖΣ/Ohio Northern*
ΖΥ/UT Dallas*
ΗΙ/San Diego*
ΗΞ/Quinnipiac
ΗΠ/Case Western Reserve
ΗΣ/Chapman*
ΗΦ/Belmont

*Chapters that achieved #1 status
for all terms.

WE ARE INTELLECTUALLY AMBITIOUS WITH THE ASPIRATION THAT ALL MEMBERS WILL GRADUATE WITH HONORS.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Increasing the number of members achieving a 4.0 average is an intent of the Plan of Aspirations, and during the 2013-14 academic year, 2,803 Thetas earned straight As, an 8.5 percent increase over the previous year. (A complete list of individual academic achievers may be found beginning on page 46.) During at least one term in 2013-14, 47 college chapters achieved the number-one scholarship ranking on their campuses. (See the list on page 15.) This number represents nearly one-third of active college chapters.

TEN OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBERS

Fostering positive relationships with faculty is an objective of the Plan of Aspirations, and 2014 marks the third year that Theta has recognized 10 outstanding faculty members on campuses hosting our college chapters. Chapter nominations were based on the professor's passion for inspiring students, as well as actions that connect to Theta values: intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, commitment to service, and personal excellence. **Keyword:** faculty

WE EXEMPLIFY THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD

CASA

Support; Advocate; Volunteer is the theme for Theta's 2014-15 celebration of our 25-year relationship with CASA. Beginning in 2014, we shared stories of CASA's work, current and past foster children, and how Theta members and chapters can celebrate this milestone. Most importantly, through blog posts, articles in four issues of the Theta magazine (See page 13.), a CASA/Theta anniversary e-newsletter, social media, and an anniversary video, we have related stories of how Thetas support CASA and impact the lives of foster children.

Keyword: CASA

Also: #Theta25CASA

DAY OF SERVICE

We celebrated Theta's sixth annual Day of Service on October 19. College and alumnae chapters and individuals participated in large- and small-scale community service projects, spreading the widest influence for good in honor of Bettie Locke Hamilton on her birthday. (Day of Service stories from alumnae and college chapters begin on page 36.)

Keywords: day of service

THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Since it was established in 1926, the Friendship Fund has provided gifts to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. One important aspect of the Fund is the secrecy surrounding

the giving of gifts. Two members write on the behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, \$61,939 was contributed to the Fund and \$61,500 was awarded to Thetas and their families experiencing life-changing circumstances. **Keyword:** friendship

WELLNESS INITIATIVES

One of Theta's ongoing wellness initiatives, Greek-Wise is an online program for new members that educates about alcohol, hazing, and sexual assault. Through fact-based content in an interactive format, the program assists young women in making well-informed decisions to reduce risk and positively impact campus culture.

Theta's Sisters Supporting Sisters program is the first initiative by a women's fraternity dedicated to promoting all aspects of mental health and wellness. The program offers professional telephone counseling to Theta collegians coping with a broad spectrum of mental health issues. Sisters Supporting Sisters also encompasses online mental health screening. While not a diagnostic tool, the screening sites provide mental-health check-ups and are available to members and non-members, both college and alumnae. Sisters Supporting Sisters also provides additional online resource materials for college chapters and advisors to openly discuss, recognize, and provide guidance for members facing mental health challenges and disorders.

Keyword: greekwise, supporting

Sisters Supporting Sisters, as well as Theta's partnership with Greek-Wise, is supported financially by Theta Foundation.

SERVICE IMMERSION TRIP

Twenty Theta collegians from chapters across the continent spent the week of June 23 in New Orleans, volunteering for CASA of New Orleans, helping to restore an old building to serve as a community center, and volunteering at Arc of Greater New Orleans. In addition to these hands-on service opportunities, participants immersed themselves into the culture of New Orleans, studied their individual and group strengths, and reflected on the true meaning of service to a community and the ability to apply that learning to on-site work.

Arranged in partnership with the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV), the trip promoted an appreciation of service and explored concepts of privilege and social justice. Creation of this Fraternity-wide service trip fulfills an aim of the Plan of Aspirations, and the feasibility of a service trip designed specifically for alumnae is under exploration. **Keywords:** service trip

Theta's service trip was supported financially by Theta Foundation.

WE ALIGN RESOURCES TO BEST EXECUTE THE MISSION OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA

ADVISOR TRAINING

The Fraternity relies on local volunteers to advise, guide, and counsel college chapters and provides webinars, manuals, and other resources for them. Advisor training sessions at Grand Convention 2014 offered education and dialogue to help advisors improve their skills and assist them in facilitating learning experiences for Theta collegians.

Keywords: advisor resources

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS

In 2013-14, 14 women represented the Fraternity as educational leadership consultants (ELCs). After completing the four-week ELC training program, ELCs served as Theta ambassadors in two very different roles. Traveling ELCs visited more than 50 established chapters, providing support for the improvement of college chapter operations, while based ELCs provided continuous support to seven new chapters, helping to create an understanding of Theta where there has previously been none and serving as role models for our newest members. In all, these women devoted more than 33,000 hours to supporting Theta college chapters.

Keywords: ELC program

Also: kappaalphathetafoundation.org/give-to-lead-give-to-learn-campaign/

The ELC program is supported financially by Theta Foundation, and its Give to Lead, Give to Learn capital campaign will establish endowments for this vital program.

EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE

In July, 63 undergraduates spent four days focused on increasing their leadership skills and understanding leadership as a relational process at Theta's second annual Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI). Believing that leadership is not necessarily an office held or a title conferred, Theta defines relational leadership as an opportunity to engage with others to create positive change for the common good. In a survey, 91 percent of attendees reported a better understanding of leadership and of the steps needed to effect positive change. **Keyword:** emerging

The Institute was supported financially by Theta Foundation.

WE PROMOTE THE RELEVANCE OF THE THETA EXPERIENCE

GROWTH

The Fraternity celebrated the chartering of four college chapters: two new and two re-established.

- In November, the **BETA GAMMA CHAPTER** was re-established at **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** in Fort Collins, joining Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Zeta Tau Alpha in the Panhellenic community. Beta Gamma was first established at CSU in 1917; more than 2,000 women have been initiated by the chapter since then.

- In March, the **ZETA CHI CHAPTER** was re-established at **JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**; the chapter was originally chartered in 1997. The second active chapter in the state of Maryland, Zeta Chi joined Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu, and Pi Beta Phi on the Baltimore campus. 80 collegians and two alumnae were initiated. The sister (both Theta and biological) of one undergraduate flew from Japan to attend the Initiation Service.

- Also in March, the **THETA IOTA CHAPTER** was established at **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** in Washington, DC. Kappa Alpha Theta joined Kappa Kappa Gamma and two men's fraternities at the school, which is the nation's oldest Catholic and Jesuit university. (Because the university prohibits the use of "Georgetown" in published references to Greek-letter organizations, the Theta Iota Chapter will be designated by a tilde in future issues.)

- The **THETA KAPPA CHAPTER** was installed at the **UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE** in November, becoming Kappa Alpha Theta's 138th active college chapter. Theta Kappa is the Fraternity's fourth college chapter in the commonwealth of Kentucky and joined Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha in a growing Panhellenic community.

New alumnae chapters were chartered in **COASTAL CAROLINA** (Wilmington, North Carolina); **GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**; and **SOUTHERN DENTON COUNTY** (Texas). A virtual group for Thetas living abroad—called **KAPPA ALPHA THETA GLOBAL ALUMNAE**—meets on Facebook. At the close of 2014, 678 Thetas living in Dubai, Hong Kong, London, and across the globe participate. (This is an increase in participation of nearly 80 percent.)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Believing in the power of social media to help members connect with one another, Theta has a presence on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest. At the close of 2014, Theta's Instagram account had more than 11,800 followers and the Fraternity Facebook page had 31,506 "likes." There were 17,754 members in Theta's LinkedIn group, @BettieLocke's tweets were followed by 14,377 fans, and Theta's Pinterest boards had 3,863 followers. Collectively, this represents a 27 percent increase for Theta's social media presence over 2013.

THETA LIFE LOYAL

Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal is a program for members who wish to provide further financial support to the Fraternity. Modeled after successful programs offered by other large national fraternities and sororities, Life Loyal exempts alumnae from paying Fraternity dues, while revenue from program memberships supports an endowment of the Theta magazine and future educational and personal development programs. At the close of 2014, 3,490 Thetas were Life Loyal enrollees.

Keywords: life loyal

For more: lifeloyal.kappaalphatheta.org

ALUMNA INITIATE PROGRAM

The Kappa Alpha Theta Alumna Initiate Program offers membership to exceptional women who are committed to our core values of intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, commitment to service, and personal excellence; to Fraternity involvement; and to Theta Foundation support. The program is meant for women who were not part of Greek life on their campus while attending college, either by choice or circumstances that prevented their membership. The Fraternity laws state that an alumna initiate candidate must be a college woman for whom a letter of reference has been received, in accordance with the laws of the Fraternity. Ten alumnae were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta in 2014.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RECOGNITION

Volunteers are integral members of Kappa Alpha Theta's workforce and highly valued by the Fraternity. Open positions are announced via social media, and an enhanced area on Theta's website advertises open volunteer positions, offers a detailed interest indicator, and helps match those who wish to give of their time and talents with appropriate opportunities. This provides an especially fulfilling volunteer experience. A monthly Volunteer Spotlight on the website and biweekly High-Five Fridays on social media showcase volunteer contributions.

Keyword: volunteer

YOUNG ALUMNAE BOARD

Ten alumnae who graduated within the past 10 years constitute Theta's young alumnae board. The board's purpose is to establish communication and programs that will better engage alumnae between the ages of 22 and 35 in order to meet the Plan of Aspirations objective to double the number of alumnae who are actively engaged with the Fraternity. An ongoing project is a social media campaign showcasing the meaningful experiences of alumnae Theta involvement. ♦

Give to Lead, Give to Learn Campaign

Soaring to New Heights

In June of 2014, after 18 months of intense internal planning and preliminary gift solicitation, Theta Foundation revealed that Thetas, family, and friends had already donated more than \$3.12 million toward the *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* Campaign goal of \$5 million, successfully paving the way to create endowments for two of Theta's most-pressing funding priorities. Since then, hundreds of Thetas have joined the effort, doing their part to ensure that this first-of-its-kind campaign is a success, and that our sisterhood remains forever at the forefront of women's leadership and learning.

As Theta Foundation prepares to enter the final year of the Campaign, we are excited to report that every dollar of the \$1 million needed to endow the need-based scholarship program has been secured! Our focus has now turned entirely to securing the remaining \$1.2 million needed to endow Theta Foundation's support of a program that impacts every single college chapter: the Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) program.

Special thanks to Jessica Cardelucci Nugent, Eta Sigma/Chapman, for donating her photography services in kind, as well as members from Epsilon Sigma/UC Irvine and Eta Sigma/Chapman shown in this article.



Why the ELC program is important to Theta

When a Fraternity with 200,000+ members spanning multiple countries and hundreds of college and alumnae chapters touts that a program annually employing approximately a dozen individuals is its highest funding priority, it begs the question: Why is the ELC program so important to Kappa Alpha Theta?

In its 56 years, the ELC program has evolved tremendously, and today's Fraternity leaders have described it as essential to the stability of existing college chapters, the growth of new college chapters, and preserving the shared Theta experience of more than 200,000 members.

A successful organization with 138 active college chapters located in diverse settings must ensure some consistency in its membership experience, educational and leadership offerings, and management of its chapters. Key to Theta's success in providing such consistency has been the ELC program, which provides a proven framework for identifying areas for improvement, working with chapters, and supporting practices that can be taught to its chapters. ELCs who travel full

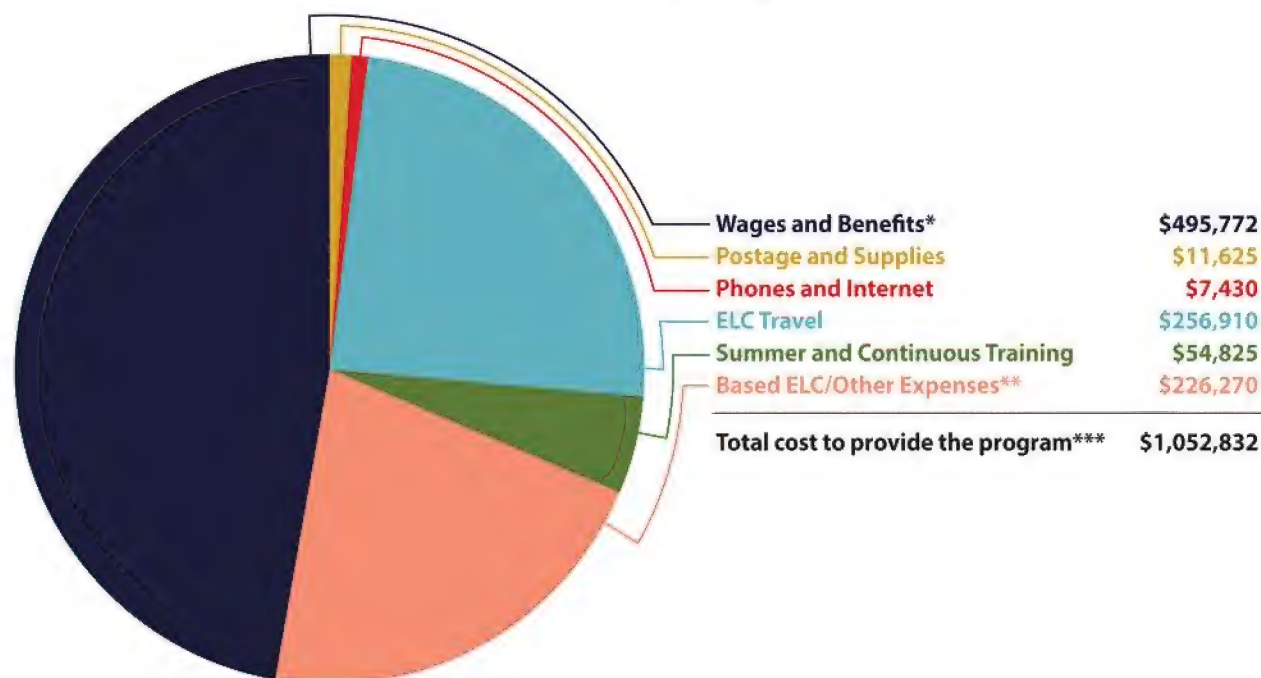
time each make approximately 40 chapter visits a year. They are uniquely positioned to communicate to Theta chapters all of the processes, procedures, and best practices for recruiting, leadership training, marketing, operations, finances, and virtually every other aspect of running a college chapter. If there is an inconsistency in the experience being offered to our members, ELCs are in a position to identify it and help create a plan to address it.

Similarly, organizational growth requires adequate capital and support staff to establish and run successful new chapters. There was a time when local volunteers took on much of the responsibility of establishing new chapters, but today the capital required to establish a new chapter is significant, and the Fraternity is committed to making sure that investment is sound. ELCs who are based with a college chapter are essential to protecting that investment. In the extension and establishment process, ELCs help create an understanding of Theta where there has previously been none. Once a chapter is established, ELCs are responsible for continuing education of the chapter, creating a culture of sisterhood, and ensuring that there is consistency in the Theta membership experience. Most importantly, they are responsible for positioning the chapter to thrive in the years to come.

Our college chapters are the lifeblood of our Fraternity. The future of Kappa Alpha Theta depends on their continued success, and our ELCs will ensure that is possible today and tomorrow.



What it takes to run the ELC program



Why your investment in the ELC program matters

To provide support to the Fraternity's existing chapters and to ensure continued growth, the Fraternity currently employs 15 Educational Leadership Consultants. ELCs typically begin their service with an intensive four-week training program that prepares them for their role. From August to May, ELCs travel throughout the US and Canada and make more than 150 visits to existing chapters (some receive multiple visits a year based on their needs) for the purposes of recruitment assistance, elections, officer transitions, leadership development, and routine annual support. This year the Fraternity has ELCs based in seven locations providing continuous support to new chapters that were established in the 2013-14 or 2014-15 academic years.

The annual cost of the ELC program is estimated at \$1 million. The financial support provided by Theta Foundation (typically at or less than 50 percent of the program's total cost) is vital to the program's continuation because the costs to administer the program are not covered by per capita dues. To date, the Foundation's grant for the ELC program has been funded almost entirely by annual contributions from loyal Thetas, but the *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* Campaign aims to change that. At the conclusion of this Campaign, \$4 million will be secured for the establishment of an ELC endowment that creates a reliable annual funding source.

*Wages and Benefits for 15 ELCs and portions of wages and benefits for program managers and director.

** Based ELC/Other Expenses includes housing in seven locations where the Fraternity has established college chapters.

*** Estimate of total program cost based on 2014-15 program budget submitted in grant request.

Note: Theta Foundation, as a charitable, tax-deductible organization, can only fund portions of the program that are of general educational value, typically at or less than 50 percent of the program's total cost.



The current ELCs are making an impact on Theta every day, and you don't have to wait for us to tell you about it! Experience the program through the eyes of the ELCs themselves. Enjoy their adventures by reading their blog and following them on Facebook and Instagram.

<http://bit.ly/ThetaELCBlog>



www.facebook.com/ThetaELCs



www.instagram.com/thetaelcs

Benefits of the ELC Program

MAKING GROWTH POSSIBLE

65% OF CURRENT COLLEGE CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE THE ELC PROGRAM'S LAUNCH.

PROTECTING THE FRATERNITY'S INVESTMENT

IN THE LATE 1990S, THE FRATERNITY COMMITTED TO BASED SUPPORT FOR NEW CHAPTERS FOR THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS.

814 CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE 2010 AND CHAPTERS WERE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 2000 AND 2010. THESE CHAPTERS ARE THRIVING AND NONE ARE DISESTABLISHED.

POSITIVE PEER INFLUENCE

ELCS ARE RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES, AND THAT IS PURPOSEFUL AND INTENTIONAL. THESE YOUNG WOMEN ARE VIEWED AS **BOTH PEERS AND ROLE MODELS**, AND RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT THE PEER GROUP IS **THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOURCE OF INFLUENCE** ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DURING UNDERGRADUATE YEARS.

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LOYAL VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

ELCS RECEIVE A RIGOROUS MONTH-LONG TRAINING PROGRAM THAT EXPOSES THEM TO EVERY ASPECT OF THE FRATERNITY'S OPERATIONS. THAT INVESTMENT IS NOT JUST FOR THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE AS AN ELC.

MORE THAN **132** FORMER ELCS HAVE SERVED AS EITHER A CHAPTER ADVISOR OR FACILITY CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER, **77** AS AN INTERNATIONAL OFFICER FOR THE FRATERNITY, **7** HAVE GONE ON TO SERVE AS GRAND COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND **8** AS FOUNDATION TRUSTEES.

IN ADDITION, 10 FORMER ELCS CONTINUE TO SERVE THETA ON THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE FRATERNITY AND FOUNDATION.

Give to Lead.
to Learn.

Campaign Progress*

OUR GOAL

\$3.8 OF **\$5**
MILLION MILLION GOAL

RAISED TO DATE IN THE
GIVE TO LEAD,
GIVE TO LEARN CAMPAIGN

ALREADY MAKING AN IMPACT

\$1 MILLION FOR NEED-BASED
SCHOLARSHIPS
HAS BEEN SECURED, AND
21 STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY
RECEIVED NEED-BASED
SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE
THE START OF THE CAMPAIGN

EVERY GIFT COUNTS

75% OF INDIVIDUAL DONORS TO
GIVE TO LEAD, GIVE TO LEARN
HAVE MADE GIFTS OF
\$1,000
OR LESS

CHAPTER CHAMPIONS

73 COLLEGE CHAPTERS HAVE
COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE
CAMPAIGN BY WRITING LETTERS
TO THEIR ALUMNAE AND/OR BY
MAKING DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN.

*As of March 31, 2015

Chapter Involvement

College and alumnae chapters have always embraced our scholarship and grant programs and have shared opportunities to receive support with their members. But they have also worked, side-by-side, with their sisters to make that support possible through their annual fundraising efforts. It is no surprise that our chapters have been instrumental in the *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* Campaign.

Chapter Campaign Donor List

The following chapters have donated to *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* directly or have received gifts from their letter-writing initiatives.

Delta/Illinois	Central Florida Alumnae Chapter	Orange County Alumnae Chapter
Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan	Chattanooga Area Alumnae Chapter	Pasadena Alumnae Chapter
Omicron/USC	Chicago North Shore Alumnae Chapter	San Diego Alumnae Chapter
Alpha Gamma/Ohio State	Dallas Alumnae Chapter	Seattle Alumnae Chapter
Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt	Denver Alumnae Chapter	South Orange County Alumnae Chapter
Alpha Mu/Missouri	Greater Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter	Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter
Alpha Tau/Cincinnati	Grosse Pointe Alumnae Chapter	Tampa Alumnae Chapter
Alpha Psi/Lawrence	Houston Alumnae Chapter	Tucson Alumnae Chapter
Beta Mu/Nevada	Houston NW Alumnae Chapter	Tulsa Alumnae Chapter*
Beta Xi/UCLA	Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter	Washington DC-Suburban MD Alumnae Chapter
Delta Kappa/LSU	Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter	Westchester, NY Alumnae Chapter
Delta Omega/Texas A&M	Lubbock Alumnae Chapter	
Epsilon Omicron/Randolph-Macon	Memphis Alumnae Chapter	
Epsilon Pi/Bucknell	Miami Alumnae Chapter	
Eta Iota/San Diego	Nashville Alumnae Chapter	
Eta Lambda/~	Omaha Alumnae Chapter	
Eta Sigma/Chapman		
Theta Theta/NC State		
Atlanta Alumnae Chapter		

* Sponsored stamps for the Don't Break the Chain letter-writing initiative.

The following chapters have indicated their support for the Campaign by planning to participate in letter-writing initiatives or are preparing to designate funds from an upcoming philanthropy event.

Alpha/DePauw	Epsilon Eta/Centre
Beta/Indiana	Epsilon Phi/Chicago
Eta/Michigan	Epsilon Sigma/UC Irvine
Kappa/Kansas	Epsilon Upsilon/Columbia
Lambda/Vermont	Zeta Eta/Wofford
Nu/Hanover	Zeta Theta/Cal Poly
Pi/Albion	Zeta Mu/MIT
Tau/Northwestern	Zeta Nu/UC Davis
Upsilon/Minnesota	Zeta Rho/UC San Diego
Phi/Pacific	Zeta Sigma/Ohio Northern
Chi/Syracuse	Zeta Tau/Delaware
Omega/UC Berkeley	Zeta Upsilon/UT-Dallas
Alpha Theta/Texas	Zeta Phi/Pepperdine
Alpha Lambda/Washington	Zeta Omega/Loyola Marymount
Alpha Xi/Oregon	Eta Kappa/John Carroll
Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma	Eta Xi/Quinnipiac
Alpha Sigma/Washington State	Eta Pi/Case Western
Beta Kappa/Drake	Eta Rho/James Madison
Beta Lambda/William & Mary	Eta Tau/Tampa
Beta Omicron/Iowa	Eta Upsilon/San Francisco
Beta Tau/Denison	Eta Omega/Saint Louis
Gamma Delta/Georgia	Abilene Area Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Zeta/Connecticut	Annapolis-Severna Park Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Iota/Kentucky	Boise Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Pi/Iowa State	Cleveland Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Rho/UC Santa Barbara	Columbus, OH Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Tau/Tulsa	El Paso Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Upsilon/Miami	Fairfield County Alumnae Chapter
Gamma Chi/Fresno State	Naples-Marco Island-Bonita Springs Alumnae Chapter
Delta Epsilon/Arizona State	Providence Alumnae Chapter
Delta Theta/Florida	Sarasota Alumnae Chapter
Delta Phi/Clemson	SLO-Central Coast Alumnae Chapter
Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor	St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter
Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi	

The Nashville Alumnae Chapter, like all alumnae chapters, is committed to keeping our Fraternity soaring. "The Nashville Alumnae Chapter's interest in making a difference in the lives of young Theta women and the Nashville community has been central to our mission since 1947," said Irwin Fischer, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, and Nashville Alumnae Chapter member. Through the chapter's annual philanthropy event, the *Bal d'Hiver*, and many generous financial contributions, the chapter is able to support *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* at the Champion level.

The Nashville Alumnae Chapter is the Campaign's most generous chapter donor, and its support has been instrumental in funding our two Campaign priorities. In recognition of the chapter's generosity and support of *Give to Lead, Give to Learn*, Campaign Co-Chairman Vicki McCluggage and Foundation President Mary Ellen Fitzsimonds were proud to present Nashville Alumnae Chapter President Cathy Cook Krumm, Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi, with the chapter's Campaign badge and commemorative plaque in October 2014.



Collegians Taking the Lead

Our undergraduate members, as first-hand beneficiaries of these valuable programs, are doing their part to spread the word to their alumnae by participating in a nationwide Don't Break the Chain letter-writing effort. Nearly 60 of the 73 college chapters participating in fundraising for the Campaign are writing letters to more than 45,000 alumnae and sharing how the need-based scholarship and ELC programs have benefited their respective chapters. By choosing to write letters to their alumnae, the collegian members of Kappa Alpha Theta are hoping to inspire alumnae to join them in supporting the Fraternity's educational and leadership programs and Thetas who need our help the most.

"It was so special to have Carolyn come down and help us with our letter writing party! Many [women] loved getting to know her, and it meant so much for her to come all that way."

— Amy Quirk, 2015 Alpha Omicron
Chief Executive Officer



"Members worked hard last night writing letters for the Kappa Alpha Theta Give to Lead, Give to Learn Campaign! We are excited to have this opportunity to give to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation."

— Madeleine Wilson, 2015 Alpha Sigma
Chief Marketing Officer

"I'm happy to report that we sent out our last batch of letters today. We have officially finished our letter-writing campaign. Looking forward to seeing the results!"

— Elisabeth Hill, 2015 Theta Theta
Service & Philanthropy Director



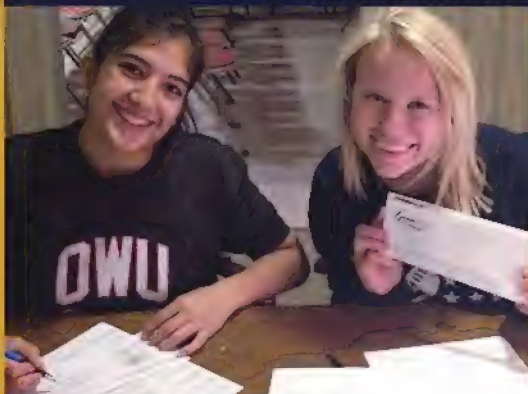
"Once our members learned that the funds raised would support scholarships and the ELC program, they were even more motivated to help. It was nice to ... see Thetas working together and chatting with each other as they found their rhythm in the letter-writing assembly line."

— Kimberly Ostiller, 2014 Omicron
Chief Executive Officer



"The event was super successful! We had a ton of members show up so we were able to finish it all up within an hour and a half. Thank you for all your help!"

— Marissa Deems, 2015 Zeta Omega
Chief Executive Officer





"The [philanthropy] event went very well. I'm so glad we could do it again for Theta Foundation! Whenever we can help, we love to do it. Thank you again for the opportunity!"

— Riley Martin, 2015 Epsilon Omicron
Service & Philanthropy Director

A Collective Effort

Give to Lead, Give to Learn is the first campaign of its kind for Theta Foundation and marks a time of growth for the Fraternity. This milestone Campaign has been made possible not by any single member, but by the collective efforts of individuals, chapters, friends, and family. We are grateful for these pioneering supporters.

-  Current and Former Grand Council
-  Current and Former Foundation Trustees
-  Fraternity and Foundation Volunteers
-  Fraternity and Foundation Staff
-  Current and Former ELCs

Give to Lead, Give to Learn Campaign Donors (as of March 27, 2015)

<p>Influencer: \$250,000 to \$499,999</p> <p>McCluggage Family Gift</p> <p>★ Victoria McCluggage (O)</p> <p>★ Mary McCluggage (O)</p> <p>★ Susan Byers Patrick (BO)</p> <p>Champion: \$100,000 to \$249,999</p> <p>▲ Cale Family Gift</p> <p>Jessie Rawlin Cale (O)</p> <p>Whitney Rawlin Cale (O)</p> <p>Elizabeth Judith Cale (O)</p> <p>Gayden Family Gift</p> <p>Cynthia Newton Gayden (AO)</p> <p>Elizabeth Gayden Williams (AO)</p> <p>Katherine Gayden Keenan (AO)</p> <p>Sara S. Morgan (AM)</p> <p>Nashville Alumnae Chapter</p> <p>Anne Lewis Raymond (AM)</p> <p>Ellen Molleson Walvoord (TT)</p> <p>Believer: \$50,000 to \$99,999</p> <p>Caldwell Family Gift</p> <p>● Mary Overton Caldwell (O)</p> <p>Rebecca Christine Caldwell (O)</p> <p>Kathryn Christian Caldwell (HY)</p> <p>Cardelucci Family Gift</p> <p>★ Cathie Waters Cardelucci (BZ)</p> <p>Mark Cardelucci</p> <p>Jessica Cardelucci Nugent (HZ)</p> <p>Catherine Cardelucci (BZ)</p> <p>Kendall "Kendy" Cusick-Rindone (P) and Gregory Rindone</p> <p>Dallas Alumnae Chapter</p> <p>★ Zita Enloe (FO)</p> <p>Fitzsimonds Family Gift</p> <p>★ Mary Ellen (BK)</p> <p>★ and Stephen Fitzsimonds</p> <p>Liz Fitzsimonds (TV)</p> <p>Barbara Hackman Franklin (BO)</p> <p>Kathleen Levey-McCarthy (O)</p> <p>★ Dinah (AO) and John McClymonds</p> <p>Lisa J. Pearson (BZ)</p> <p>★ Kellie (AX) and Drew Prusecki</p> <p>Suzanne Benson-Roberts (TM)</p> <p>Tonkel Family Gift</p> <p>J. Rock, Sr. and Kathleen B. Tonkel (H)</p> <p>J. Rock, Jr. and Jill Tonkel</p> <p>Jennifer Tonkel and Carlos Fierro</p> <p>Jeffrey B. and Jacqueline Tonkel</p> <p>Marcia E. Tonkel</p> <p>Barbara S. Van Alstine (BZ)</p> <p>Suzanne Klop Wahrhaftig (BT)</p>	<p>Truest Sister: \$25,000 to \$49,999</p> <p>Madeline (AH) and Howell Adams, Jr.</p> <p>★ Genevieve B. Adin (BT)</p> <p>★ Deborah Bornmann Allen (BO)</p> <p>★ Florence Helen Ashby (BN)</p> <p>★ Emily Weirich Bandera (B)</p> <p>Meta Alice Keith Bratten (AG), (d)</p> <p>Jennifer Tschudy Carlstrom (ZM)</p> <p>Monica Cox Cline (BO)</p> <p>Ann S. Degenhart (M)</p> <p>★ Laura Ware Doerre (Δ)</p> <p>★ Kyle Hartvickson Handegard (FN)</p> <p>Houston Alumnae Chapter</p> <p>Gene Norgren Koelbel (B)</p> <p>★ Kathleen Markey (X)</p> <p>Miller Family Gift</p> <p>William Miller</p> <p>Michelle Shedd (AH)</p> <p>Jim Miller</p> <p>Kendall Miller</p> <p>Susan P. Moran (TY)</p> <p>Oliver Family Gift</p> <p>Floy Oliver Daugherty (AH)</p> <p>Gray Oliver Thornburg (AH)</p> <p>Sarah Oliver Warburton (EV)</p> <p>★ Jill Pedicord Peterson (BT)</p> <p>★ Helen Dale Simons (AG)</p> <p>★ Lyn Stewart Simonsen (TT)</p> <p>Cindy Heine Steinhorn (B)</p> <p>Stewart Family Gift</p> <p>Cydney Stewart (FO)</p> <p>Kimberly Stewart Feldman (ΔA)</p> <p>Terry Thompson (BA)</p> <p>★ Kara Prestage Van Duzee (ZO)</p> <p>Enthusiastic Supporter: \$10,000 to \$24,999</p> <p>Anonymous (P)</p> <p>★ Karen Albrecht Ledbetter (TT)</p> <p>★ Kim Lirin (ΔH)</p> <p>★ Kim Harvey Looney (AT)</p> <p>Julia Ashton Martinez (BK)</p> <p>Patricia Doornier Mierse (BN)</p> <p>Brenda (ΔA) and Charles Moseley</p> <p>★ Lisa Davis Olney (ΔE)</p> <p>Kay Woodward Olson (TV)</p> <p>★ Emily Parks (ZO)</p> <p>★ Abbey Mansfield Ruby (BT)</p>	<p>Ruffolo Gilpin Family Gift</p> <p>Joseph D. Ruffolo Family Foundation</p> <p>★ Julie Ruffolo (A) and Brian Gilpin</p> <p>Sierk Family Gift</p> <p>Robert and Bonnie Sierk</p> <p>Elizabeth Sierk Corridan (BO)</p> <p>Robyn Sierk Canfield (BO)</p> <p>Kara Sierk Reeder (TT)</p> <p>● Courtney Sierk Gaintner (BO)</p> <p>Amber Steele (B)</p> <p>Diane Forst Stephens (A)</p> <p>Tamsinn Armstrong Underwood (BO)</p> <p>Frances Terry Unquhart (AG)</p> <p>★ Mandy Burgett Wushinske (Z)</p> <p>Faithful Supporter: \$5,000 to \$9,999</p> <p>▲ Susan Albrecht (O)</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Arnold (AG)</p> <p>★ Valerie L. Bateman (Δ)</p> <p>Beta Xi UCLA</p> <p>Boldt Family Gift</p> <p>Patricia Hamar Boldt (AV)</p> <p>Renée Goral Boldt (AV)</p> <p>★ Lissa Lutton Bradford (AH)</p> <p>Margaret Cannon Boyce Brown (AO)</p> <p>★ Anne Sadler Budill (AX)</p> <p>★ Helen Dale Simons (AG)</p> <p>★ Katie Busby (EZ)</p> <p>★ Nancy Byers (BO)</p> <p>Anne Holden Carson (Δ)</p> <p>JoAnn "Jodi" Clark (ΔY)</p> <p>Hannee Darley Damisch (BO), (d)</p> <p>★ Melanie McLendon Dowell (ΔE)</p> <p>★ Elizabeth Long Downey (F)</p> <p>Dye Family Gift</p> <p>Patti Fowle Dye (BO)</p> <p>Jenna Dye Wheelock (BN)</p> <p>★ Amy Dye Kanning (BN)</p> <p>Educational Leadership Consultants, 2007-2009</p> <p>★ Linda Chen (HA)</p> <p>★ Victoria Freese (AM)</p> <p>★ Janyn Jech Rogers (BZ)</p> <p>★ Caroline Redmond Knight (BO)</p> <p>★ Nicci Pannier Trowinger (ΔE)</p> <p>★ Jessica Wilson Wade (BZ)</p> <p>★ Paige Bendel Ellerman (TT)</p> <p>★ Elizabeth Farrington (Δ)</p> <p>Lynn Jones Fight (AM), (d)</p> <p>Carey Fitzmaurice (Δ)</p> <p>Patricia Boynton Frey (A)</p> <p>★ Wendy Sears Goshert (F)</p> <p>★ Leah A. Hartman (N)</p> <p>Carolyn Roch Henneman (AO)</p> <p>★ Tiffany Patterson Holland (TV)</p> <p>Ann Carothers Holmes (K)</p>	<p>Joyce H. Honeyman (BZ), (d)</p> <p>★ Amy Hayner Kates (AO)</p> <p>Candice Koederitz (AG)</p> <p>★ Joan Hastings Kreiger (O)</p> <p>★ Caryl Wischmeyer Krohne (N)</p> <p>Bob and Gerry Kutsenda</p> <p>Janice Rae Lawson (TA)</p> <p>★ Katharine Gleason Madigan (O)</p> <p>Nancy Nix Mahon (Δ)</p> <p>Matson Family Gift</p> <p>Nan Brinegar Matson (FO)</p> <p>Becky Matson Escott (AO)</p> <p>Mary Katherine Matson Scherer (AO)</p> <p>★ Kimberley Lawson Murphy (I)</p> <p>★ Meaghan Anderson Neuberger (AP)</p> <p>Colleen K. Nissl (F)</p> <p>★ Kathryn J. Olmstead (TT)</p> <p>Omicron/USC</p> <p>★ Liz Price (EE)</p> <p>Rankin Family Gift</p> <p>Julie Lewis Rankin (AO)</p> <p>Libby Rankin Gober (AO)</p> <p>Merrick Turney Rankin (AO)</p> <p>★ Becky Reddick (BA)</p> <p>Barbara Boyden Reed (BN)</p> <p>Elizabeth Reed (AX)</p> <p>★ Stacy Chestnut Rini (BO)</p> <p>Jean U. 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BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, Δ/ILLINOIS

Nestled in our hearts, or perhaps waiting patiently for us in a childhood treasure chest, are the dolls we loved as little girls—often our first and favorite friends.

Their universal and perennial appeal is a type of magic that **JEAN SMITH MCKENZIE, ALPHA MU/MISSOURI**, understands well. And as president of American Girl, McKenzie is also passionate about the ways these special companions can empower girls, building their confidence and firing their imaginations.

"Dolls provide an enduring emotional connection," says McKenzie, a native of Columbia, Missouri. "Young girls play 'mommy' to baby dolls, which extends to dolls as their friends when they get older."

McKenzie still can picture the dolls she journeyed with through girlhood: Chatty Cathy and Barbie. "I loved making Barbie clothes and was fascinated by the little outfits with straps and cinched waists," McKenzie says. "My mother kept my collection, which included a fold-up Barbie dream house and a black vinyl case."

McKenzie's father built life-size dollhouses for her and her older sister, and she recalls playing for hours,

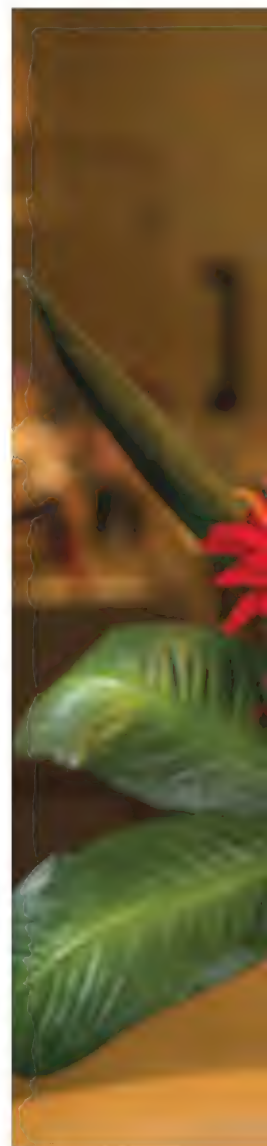
happily blurring real and imaginary worlds. "My sister and I were actually kind of comical," she recalls. "When we had our little fights, we'd often take it out on each other's dolls!"

For McKenzie, a youthful affinity stretched through decades and became the linchpin of a successful career. Since September 2012, she's been at the helm of Middleton, Wisconsin-based American Girl, a multi-million dollar company with an extensive line of dolls right-sized for girls eight to 12 years old. The American Girl line also includes books, a magazine, online games and resources, and movies.

"Our mission is simple—to celebrate girls and to build girls of strong character," McKenzie says. "American Girl creates wholesome, positive experiences for girls, and strives to be a trusted source for parents."

EMBRACING THE BIG PICTURE

Growing up in the heart of Mizzou country meant an early introduction to Tiger football, Tiger spirit, black and gold, Homecoming parades, and the Greek system. "I knew in high school that my path would lead to the University of Missouri," McKenzie recalls.



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"There was never any question."

Her decision to pledge Kappa Alpha Theta was equally definitive. "I was simply in awe of the smart, dynamic, and warm young women I met," she says. "I wanted to be a top student and to be involved in a lot of activities, and those goals aligned with the women I spoke to [throughout recruitment]."

In retrospect, McKenzie also feels the Theta bond was a valuable resource for the challenges she'd ultimately face in the corporate world.

"Being connected to a larger group of more than 100 women gave me a great deal of experience in teamwork. When the house didn't do as well as expected in intramurals or academics, I saw everyone re-connect and re-focus as a bigger group.

"I realized it wasn't just about me, and that to be a piece of something bigger was much more rewarding. This realization transferred to dealings in large corporations, where human interaction is at the center."

She was particularly gratified when her daughter, now

a senior at the University of Wisconsin, pledged Theta.

"I attended Audrey's initiation, which was one of the best experiences I've ever had," says McKenzie. "Seeing time-honored traditions being passed through this wonderful organization of women was very affirming."

Throughout college, McKenzie was intrigued by business courses. She earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing and, following graduation, started in a career development capacity for Hallmark. "What I learned in college helped me strive to gain more experiential learning, and I considered my experience at Hallmark to be my MBA," McKenzie says.

She rotated through every area of Hallmark, from advertising to manufacturing, and witnessed how creativity, service, and attention to every product detail can fulfill consumer needs and grow a profitable business. Hallmark's slogan, "When You Care Enough To Send the Very Best," is one she says has always resonated with her.

In 1989, McKenzie was hired by Mattel to work on the Barbie brand. "I wrote an earnest, serious letter to



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Jill Barad, who was then a rising executive at Mattel and responsible for the Barbie brand. I told her about my fond childhood memories of Barbie and that I was excited to learn how Barbie was transitioning into more of a girl-empowerment brand. I really wanted to be part of that movement."

The personal touch struck a chord with Barad. McKenzie was hired and went on to serve in various executive positions at Mattel. When she left the company in 1998, McKenzie had advanced to executive vice president and general manager of Worldwide Barbie.

She next joined Gateway Learning Corporation, owner of the Hooked on Phonics brand, as president and CEO. In this capacity, McKenzie was credited with creating the nation's number-one reading program, re-positioning the company for growth, and expanding the business through the launch of tutoring services.

For the next three years, McKenzie served as senior vice president of learning for the Walt Disney Company, where she was charged with building a new enterprise-wide Disney-branded educational business. In 2011, she left southern California and came full circle by re-joining Mattel (which had purchased American Girl in 1998) as senior vice president-marketing and then taking over the leadership position at American Girl in September 2012.

McKenzie's current position as president of American Girl melds her passions for dolls and reading with the heritage of a company devoted to empowering young girls. She credits her success to passion, commitment, and perseverance—qualities she also values in her colleagues.

"It's important to know how to operate strategically and to practice effective financial discipline," McKenzie says, "but emotional intelligence is key, too. A good leader builds relationships and also knows how to motivate people when performances aren't good, and how to be compassionate through hard times.

"Today's business climate requires companies to be creative, nimble, and open to significant change."

CREATING DOLLS WITH PURPOSE

Change has been part of the American Girl landscape, too, in terms of sales growth and increases in numbers of loyal followers—girls, parents, and educators. Yet a common denominator continues to link these beloved dolls and their stories, whether they face a journey across the sea in the 1800s or navigation through modern-day middle school challenges.

"The characters we create—past or present—have relatable and realistic qualities," McKenzie explains. "They're heroes, but they're not perfect. They're vulnerable, they deal with loss or disappointment, relationships, families, and they learn how to problem-solve.

Jean McKenzie, AM/Missouri, and her daughter, Audrey, Ψ/Wisconsin.

Are You Missing Something?



"Meaning is rich and deep, and it's behind all American Girl stories, products, experiences, and characters. There's also a subtlety that lets girls find what they're looking for. They might re-read a book one year later, and discover something entirely new."

American girl heroes have a place in McKenzie's heart, too. Her particular favorite is Samantha Parkington, released in 1986 as one of American Girl's first three historical characters. Samantha represents the Victorian Era/early 20th century, which was a time of progress and new inventions.

"I find that era so fascinating," McKenzie says. "Cars and telephones were first being used, women couldn't vote, and Samantha experiences all of this."

In fact, if McKenzie could represent herself as an American Girl, she'd model her likeness after Samantha. "I'd like to be some type of a trailblazer. My setting would be a period of dramatic invention and social change—either a character at the turn of the century or one at the turn of the next century. Life will be so dramatically different for girls by that time."

"I'm not sure if I'd rather go back in time or forward. But I do know I'd want a name a bit more adventurous than 'Jean,'" she says, laughing.

Some American Girl dolls, such as Saige Copeland, have segued from books to movies. Saige Paints the Sky, which aired on NBC and was released on DVD and Blu-ray in July 2013, featured actress Jane Seymour and chronicled the challenges that aspiring artist Saige faces when middle school budget cuts cancel her art class. Based on overwhelmingly positive response, McKenzie says that more American Girl movies are in the works.

"There are so many new platforms for distributing entertainment, and that's really exciting for girls. But

there's a group of passionate people at American Girl who believe in the significance of the printed word and its keepsake value. We have a deep commitment to writing narratives that will stand the test of time."

Reading proficiency is among McKenzie's passions, and in the years ahead, as she moves from "full-full time work," she'd like to volunteer on behalf of children's literacy. Friends, family, food (she's an enthusiastic "foodie"), and travel currently reward her with new adventures and connections.

"About a dozen of my Theta sisters and I take a trip together every year, and the number is always growing," says McKenzie of the group's 20-year tradition. "I'm so grateful to be part of these adventures, and I love that I've re-joined my Theta family."

She also cherishes travels with daughter Audrey. The two have made several trips to Ireland, which McKenzie ranks as her all-time favorite destination, and hope to go on a safari this year to celebrate Audrey's graduation.

Wherever the years take her, however, McKenzie's message to today's young girls will be as enduring as the American Girl characters themselves. "American Girl has a set of words that I would certainly offer as advice for life—'stand tall, reach high, dream big,'" she says.

"But the very first thing I would say is, 'be true to yourself.' Seek personal happiness and be yourself. Life is a journey—and it must be *your* journey." ♦

About the author: JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, DELTA/ILLINOIS, is a professional freelancer who has been contributing to the Theta magazine since 1997. Her favorite childhood dolls were Sister Belle, an early talking doll, and Tammy, "The Doll You Love to Dress."

American Girl supports causes and issues relevant to children and families in need, including literacy, homelessness, poverty, natural disaster, and illness.

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ONE MONTH AFTER COLLEGE GRADUATION, **KELSEY ULLOM** AND **RACHEL VINCIGUERRA**, ΓΑ/OHIO WESLEYAN, TOOK ONE-WAY FLIGHTS TO LES CAYES, HAITI, TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS IN THE PROJECT HOPE ORPHANAGE. BOTH HAD VISITED FOR ONE-WEEK VOLUNTEER TRIPS DURING COLLEGE THROUGH THE HAITIOWU PROGRAM, AND BOTH KNEW THEY WANTED TO DO MORE. THROUGH THEIR COMMITMENT TO SPREADING THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD, THEY ARE...

LEADING WOMEN

BY GRETA HASS SNELL, B/INDIANA

More than 250 volunteers from 15 different US states travel to the Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope) orphanage each year. These volunteers help support the more than 500 students who live at Espwa along with an additional 500 who come to the orphanage for school each day. Their experiences on the Ohio Wesleyan service team, as well as their Theta connection, convinced **KELSEY ULLOM** and **RACHEL VINCIGUERRA** to apply for volunteer coordinator positions.

"Since my first visit to Espwa, I knew I wanted to give my time and energy in a bigger way," said Ullo. "Our service teams accomplish so much in a week-long visit, but I always left wanting to do more. I realized that if I wanted to do more, there was no better time than now. I knew living and working in Haiti would give me important perspective and experience and also open doors to other opportunities for me in the international development field."

Ullo and Vinciguerra's responsibilities are constantly in flux. They manage the guest house at the orphanage in addition to communicating with volunteer groups and working with them to plan an itinerary for their time at Espwa.

"Knowing that we are in this together makes this job,

which can be very challenging at times, significantly better and exponentially more manageable," said Vinciguerra. "Any problems we face, we face together. It also helps to know that we share a lot of the same fundamental values of service and integrity."

Ullo and Vinciguerra inspire others by living out their personal mission statements. Vinciguerra describes her mission as being open and responsive to the inherent worth of every person. Ullo's also focuses on being open.

"I strive to live a life of acceptance and open-mindedness, so that I can learn from others and gain new perspective," she said. "I value the importance of finding commonalities across cultures, beliefs, backgrounds, and ethnicities. I want to always live a life of discovery and exploration, questioning, and curiosity. I find deep worth in my independence and self-ambition, but also in my support systems and positive surroundings."

Their experiences at Espwa are preparing them for their next adventure as leading women, but for now, they are ensuring that children at Espwa know they are loved and encouraged in their education, personal growth, and artistic talents. ◇

KELSEY ULLOM (left) and **RACHEL VINCIGUERRA**, (right) in Haiti. Ullo served the Gamma deuterion chapter as chief executive officer; Vinciguerra as chief education officer.

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Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds

A THETA OF NOTE

MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS, BETA KAPPA/DRAKE, CHICAGO NORTH SHORE ALUMNAE CHAPTER, IS THE PRESIDENT OF THETA FOUNDATION. PREVIOUSLY SERVING NINE YEARS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SHE HAS SERVED THE FRATERNITY AS VICE PRESIDENT ALUMNAE, ALTERNATE NPC DELEGATE, ALUMNAE DISTRICT PRESIDENT, ALUMNAE DISTRICT OFFICER, AND DIRECTOR OF ALUMNAE EDUCATION. A LICENSED PHARMACIST, FITZSIMONDS SERVES ON THE COUNCIL OF 100 OF THE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF GREATER CHICAGO AND NORTHWEST INDIANA. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, STEVE, RESIDE IN EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, WITH THEIR DOG, RJ.

TELL US SOMETHING WE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THETA FOUNDATION.

Theta Foundation's first awards were fellowships to outstanding college women who were not necessarily members of Kappa Alpha Theta!

WHAT DOES "WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD" MEAN TO YOU?

"Widest influence for good" means helping those in need. As a Girl Scout, I learned to leave a place better than I found it and this continues today. Whether I am volunteering with Girl Scouts, serving at the St. Athanasius soup kitchen or sorting books at the Rotary Big Book Drive, I am giving my time to help those in need and helping our community be a better place.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

One of my proudest accomplishments was volunteering with Dinah McClymonds to help get the board of Trustees and Theta Foundation ready for a capital campaign. Seeing the number of Theta sisters involved in making this a reality, and the donors across the country who believe in Theta Foundation as a wise investment, has been humbling. Being on the road and hearing so many Theta stories has been an incredible experience. Sharing this process with staff and volunteers has shown me we have a world-class organization of leading women in Kappa Alpha Theta.

WHAT TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

I do not have much talent in the sports arena. I am an avid fan but not great at throwing, catching, or running.

LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT ...

... I find zip-lining exhilarating! I've zip-lined through the treetops in the Tongass National Forest in Ketchikan, Alaska; over the canyon over Alkali Creek near Wolcott, Colorado; and through the jungle in Roatan, Honduras. I find it exhilarating to fly through the air, over the treetops to the next platform!

WHAT ONE THING RALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

When the sun is shining, that makes my day. Skiing in the back bowls of Vail on a sunny day is the best!

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

My most treasured possession is my collection of photographs because they tell the story of my life. Looking back on pictures from years gone by I am reminded of special people I have been fortunate to share time with and people who have had a positive influence on my life. When planning for my parent's 50th wedding anniversary, my daughter and niece helped me go through hundreds of photos and we laughed, shared stories, and marveled at how much the two of them look like my sister and me when we were young adults!

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Honesty and the ability to make me smile. When you say you're "fine," true friends know if you are truly fine or in need of some TLC or a therapy session.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?

As a collegian, participating in Drake's Sweetheart Sing with Theta sisters. It helped me get to know chapter members of all ages, and I was able to do something I love: dance! We won first place, too!

Two special Theta memories are my son taking his first steps at a Theta board meeting at my house and participating in my daughter's initiation into Theta at the Gamma Psi Chapter.

My favorite Theta memory as an alumna has to be Grand Convention. Seeing so many Theta sisters in one location celebrating Theta and our ritual really illustrates Theta for a lifetime. Someday, I want to be one of the final ladies standing during the convention countdown at the final banquet because I will have attended the most conventions! ♦



"Widest influence for good" means helping those in need."



Back row: **MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS**, BK/DRAKE, Theta Foundation president; **SUSAN ARNOLD MARTIN**, AΘ/TEXAS, Houston Alumnae Chapter president; **LAURA WARE DOERRE**, ΔΞ/NORTH CAROLINA, Fraternity president; front row: **LISA LOWRY SCHWARTZ**, EE/BAYLOR, 2014 antiques show chairman; **BARBARA PIERCE BUSH**, ET/YALE; **JENNA BUSH HAGER**, AΘ/TEXAS.

TREASURES AND TRADITIONS

FROM THE PREVIEW PARTY TO THE LECTURE SERIES TO THE SPECIAL GUESTS TO THE SHOW ITSELF, THE THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW UPHELD ITS REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ANTIQUES SHOWS IN THE US. THE 2014 SHOW'S THEME—TRADITIONS AND TREASURES—REFLECTED THE 62-YEAR HISTORY OF THE HOUSTON EVENT, AS WELL AS THE SCHEDULE: LATE NOVEMBER.

Multiple Theta connections were a highlight of last year's show. **BARBARA PIERCE BUSH**, EPSILON TAU/YALE, and **JENNA BUSH HAGER**, ALPHA THETA/TEXAS, were featured at the Mary Frances Bowles Couper Luncheon Lecture. In addition, Kappa Alpha Theta was represented by Fraternity President **LAURA WARE DOERRE**, DELTA XI/NORTH CAROLINA, and Director of Alumnae Engagement **LIZ SINNOCK DRAKE**, BETA/INDIANA, while Theta Foundation was represented by Foundation President **MARY ELLEN KUTSENDA FITZSIMONDS**, BETA KAPPA/DRAKE, and

Executive Director **KRISTEN MAGNES KAISER**, ALPHA/DEPAUW.

Since its founding by Houston alumnae, the Theta Charity Antiques Show has raised more than \$6.5 million for four permanent beneficiaries—Texas Children's Cancer Center, Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Child Advocates and the scholarship program of Theta Foundation—plus many other community projects, including Amazing Place, DePelchin Children's Center, Gateway Academy, and Texas Children's Hospital Cancer Center. No funds are raised from the sale of antiques; funds are derived from underwriters, ticket sales, program ads, and dealers' exhibitor fees.

"Theta Foundation is grateful for the continued generosity of the **HOUSTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER** with donations in support of named merit-based scholarships and a pledge to the Give to Lead, Give to Learn Endowment Campaign," said Fitzsimonds.

The 2014 Theta Charity Antiques Show was a five-day event run completely by volunteers. It included four days of public exhibits and educational seminars, preceded by a reception and preview show. More than 70 committee chairmen and 200 volunteers contributed their time and talents. "The commitment of time and energy to this event by Houston alumnae is not only a wonderful example of the widest influence for good but also of the rewards of lifelong Theta engagement," said Doerre. ♦



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HOW TO—

— START A “DIY” DESIGN PROJECT

THE FRATERNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (FHC) INTERIOR DESIGN COMMITTEE OVERSEES THE DESIGN AND RENOVATION OF ALL FHC FACILITIES. THE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF THETA ALUMNAE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE PROFESSIONAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS.

All of us have “that room”—boring furniture, worn carpet, old throw pillows, hand-me-down pieces, and more. You’re tired of the look but not sure how to change it up. What better time than the spring to start fresh! However, you might not be sure where to start. There are so many resources online and in home improvement stores that deciding on what to do—and where to begin!—can quickly become overwhelming.

Here are three design principles to consider when redoing a room:

COLOR/LIGHTING:

- Don’t be afraid of color! Bring color into a room with inexpensive pieces that can be changed easily: pillows, artwork, plants, etc. Color needs to be in every space to provide personality and tone. Using color in accessories makes it easy to change things up after a while and is less expensive than totally redoing a room.
- When shopping for lighting, buy the best quality lamps, chandeliers, or sconces that you can afford. They are like the jewelry of the room.
- Paint walls a neutral color. Light yellow, tans, and grays help make a space look bigger. White is not a neutral color. Then, use a great piece of artwork or fabric as your focal point for the space.

ORGANIZATION:

- Organize, organize, organize. Everything should

have a place. Clutter is one of the most distracting (and annoying) things. Use closet and drawer organizers to give your items a home. Then, when it is time to clean, it is much easier to put things away. It can also help teach young children how to help around the house.

- For a quick refresh, reorganize your bookshelves. Add new frames and change out photos.
- When accessorizing, it’s fun to display things in groups: by type of piece, color, or size. Have fun and be creative.

SPACE:

- When planning to redo a space, choose a favorite piece, and build the room around that.
- Think about what you want to do in the space, and how many people it needs to accommodate. This will help you lay out the space to maximize functionality. The tape measure is your friend, so use it.
- People often struggle over what size area rug to purchase. Try to avoid anything too small; it will look like a postage stamp in your room. Make sure that it’s big enough to fit under your furniture.
- In a large space, break it up by having areas for more than one activity. Create several groupings based on different activities such as reading, watching TV, playing games, etc. And, no: despite what some people think, the TV should not be the focal point of every living space.
- Make sure you give each person a minimum of 24 inches at a dining table for eating. Leave a minimum of 42 inches between walls and dining chairs, and between a desk and credenza. Have a 36-inch wide hallway/aisle. Determine how people are going to move through a space by your furniture placement.
- Good interior design always reflects the people using the space, so keep that in mind when making your selections. You can’t go wrong with anything that you love! ♦

FHC INTERIOR DESIGN COMMITTEE

KAREN ALBRECHT LEDBETTER, IT/TULSA, has been involved in residential interior design and has owned her own interior design business for 28 years.

JENNIFER PARENT COLEMAN, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE is a New York-based interior designer with her own practice, working primarily on residential design.

MELISSA MERRYMAN SYPECK, ΓΩ/AUBURN worked for a commercial furnishings manufacturer developing marketing materials and designing showrooms and trade show booths.

KIM LININ, ΔH/KANSAS STATE has corporate experience in complex project management, strategy, and process improvement.

Do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better? If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, website specialist, lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org. We’d love to hear from you!



DEANNE HEINEN BROWN, EE/BAYLOR; DONNA HEINEN SANDERS, ΓΨ/TCU; DENISE HEINEN HARRIS, EE/BAYLOR; AND BARBARA SCHMIDT HEINEN, ΓΨ/TCU.

FAMILY TIES

She was the first member of her family to participate in the sorority experience, but she certainly was not the last. **BARBARA SCHMIDT HEINEN, ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN**, and three of her daughters – **DEANNE BROWN, EE/BAYLOR**; **DONNA SANDERS, EE/BAYLOR**; and **DENISE HARRIS, EE/BAYLOR** share not only a mother/daughter bond, but also the bond of Theta sisterhood and Life Loyal membership. Heinen is a charter member of the Hill Country Alumnae Chapter and is serving as its president; her daughters are also members of alumnae chapters.

HOW HAS YOUR THETA EXPERIENCE EVOLVED SINCE INITIATION IN 1958?

Each year after I was initiated, I felt a responsibility to encourage the new members to realize their potential, keep the standards of Theta, and feel the spirit and bond of sisterhood. I am using lifelong skills every day that Theta, and involvement with many other community organizations, 'fine-tuned' when I was in college. I have made many new Theta friends through the years, and we have become a strong support group for one another.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT SHARING THETA SISTERHOOD WITH YOUR THREE DAUGHTERS?

Not only does it give us a mother/daughter bond, it gives us a sisterhood bond. When each daughter went off to college and participated in recruitment, I told her to have fun and choose the sorority she felt was the one for her. I was very fortunate that all three ended up loving Theta.

WHY DID YOU GIFT A LIFE LOYAL MEMBERSHIP TO EACH OF YOUR THREE DAUGHTERS?

Although my daughters are active in their respective alumnae chapters, I wanted to give a Life Loyal membership to them because I want them to always have a strong and special connection to Theta. It's a gift that keeps on giving every year for the rest of their lives. They know how much I love being a Theta and what Theta means to me, so I know they really appreciated the gift. They were definitely surprised!

WHY DO YOU FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE ENGAGING WITH THETA PAST THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

By engaging with Theta past the college experience, I am giving back to my sorority. It is important as Thetas that we support our local chapters and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE A LIFE LOYAL MEMBER OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA?

A teacher and historian in my hometown was a charter member of Alpha Theta/Texas. Although she had retired before I was in high school, she was a respected member of the community, and she sent in my reference form. Then, a close family friend, also a member of Alpha Theta/Texas, encouraged me to go through recruitment. Since I was the first in my immediate family to go through the experience, she was a great help in getting me prepared. By being a Life Loyal member, I feel I am personally making another strong commitment to Theta, and I am honoring those two wonderful Theta women in some small way.

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WIDEST INFLUENCE



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THETA'S ALUMNAE AND COLLEGE CHAPTERS ARE COMMITTED TO EXERCISING THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD, ON THEIR CAMPUSES AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. SOMETIMES THIS TAKES THE FORM OF PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS, WHICH RAISE FUNDS OR MATERIALS FOR ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED. SOMETIMES THIS TAKES THE FORM OF SERVICE PROJECTS, WHICH ARE ACTS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE OR AID TO OTHERS.

WE ASKED CHAPTERS TO DESCRIBE THEIR PHILANTHROPY AND/OR SERVICE EFFORTS, PERHAPS BY FOCUSING ON A CHAPTER-WIDE PROJECT, ON A SPECIAL THETA WHO GIVES OF HERSELF IN MANY WAYS, OR ON A COMMUNITY PROJECT TO WHICH MANY THETAS CONTRIBUTED. ON THE NEXT SIX PAGES, THE RESULTS WILL WARM YOUR HEART.



MIAMI ALUMNAE CHAPTER

CENTRAL FLORIDA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

For this year's Day of Service, we collected teddy bears and gift cards to support the Bear Necessities program at the Osceola County CASA/GAL office. Bear Necessities equips judges with brand-new teddy bears to give to children entering their court room, a gesture of kindness and understanding which helps children feel safer and more comfortable.

COLUMBUS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Columbus Alumnae Chapter members were up bright and early to volunteer at the 2014 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon and Half Marathon. Volunteers worked at a water stop to prepare and distribute Gatorade and clean up after the 18,000 runners. Several chapter members also participated in the race, and it was fun to see them run through! This is the 17th largest marathon in the US and the largest in Ohio. This year, \$1 million was raised for Nationwide Children's Hospital!

DALLAS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

On the heels of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter's signature fundraiser, Heart To Heart, we hosted two holiday events in December with philanthropy in mind.

Over tea and sweets, we enjoyed award-winning Christmas needlepoint creations made by our Theta sister Byrd Teague and shared the spirit of the holiday season together. We additionally met for our annual Kites and Lights Christmas Bus Tour, which viewed



CENTRAL FLORIDA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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NCE FOR GOOD



Λ/VERMONT



ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

the lights in the Highland Park and University Park neighborhoods. We donated Target and Walmart gift cards to support children in need through Dallas CASA's Angel Tree Program.

DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The Kappa Alpha Theta Denver Alumnae Chapter is pleased to continue supporting CASA through our Warm Hearts/Warm Blankets service event. In support of Theta's Day of Service, we gather to cut and tie fleece blankets in a variety of vivid colors and patterns. The blankets are distributed to CASA programs in five Colorado counties to be provided to the children of CASA. We are always excited to continue our tradition of joining together to support CASA and spend quality time with sisters of all ages!

GRAND RAPIDS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

We honored the Fraternity's Day of Service by packing Sack Suppers at Kids' Food Basket in Grand Rapids. Kids' Food Basket is the largest organization in Michigan dedicated to attacking childhood hunger. It was founded in 2001 by a Grand Rapids elementary school principal who discovered that some of her students were digging through the trash for food to take home for dinner. Sack Suppers are currently provided to more than 6,000 children every weekday during the school year at 33 locations.

MEMPHIS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

In the spirit of serving others and our community, members of the Memphis Alumnae Chapter held two special events to not only raise much-needed funds for our local CASA chapter but also increase awareness of CASA.

Mi CASA Su CASA is a festive event that is held on the day of our chapter's founding, which is also Cinco de Mayo. We invite representatives from CASA to educate and inform about how we can best support our local CASA chapter. Mi CASA Su CASA is one of our favorite events and we always have great turnout and support from members.

Our Skyros Warehouse Sale event is held in partnership with Skyros Designs, a ceramics company with beautiful lines of pottery and accessories from Portugal. The first night of the sale is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta on behalf of CASA; chapter members have an opportunity to serve as volunteers for the event or support the event by attending and shopping. CASA is also on hand to inform customers about the wonderful work they do in the Memphis area.

MIAMI ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The Miami Alumnae Chapter has a very long history of supporting Voices for Children, our local CASA program. At our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner, we collect financial donations and gifts for the children. Some years we meet to wrap some of the thousands of gifts that are collected from our community. For the last two years we have also chosen to spend a



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MID-CITIES ALUMNAE CHAPTER

day with the children at Lotus House, a not-for-profit that houses homeless women and their children, and the Children's Home Society, a not-for-profit that houses children under the care of the state.

We held a lunch and Halloween party for the children at the Home Society complete with a magician, rabbit, and games. We attracted some Thetas we hadn't seen in a while and were overwhelmed with the positive response from the children and the organizations we serve.

MID-CITIES ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The third annual Ruby Slipper Soirée hosted by the Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter raised \$9,700 for CASA of Tarrant County. To date, the shoe fashion show event has raised about \$20,000.

Ruby Slipper Soirée guests, many wearing their own "ruby slippers," were treated to a fashion show featuring chic shoe, handbag, and jewelry designs modeled by Theta collegians from the Gamma Psi Chapter at Texas Christian. In addition, delicious hors d'oeuvres and fine wines were served.

A highlight of the event was special guest speaker and guest model Charlene Elliott. She spoke about her early life experience, what led to being placed in foster care and what a difference her CASA advocate made in her life. She credited her CASA advocate with helping her find her "forever home" and teaching her about trust and love.

Ruby Slipper Soirée sponsors helped to underwrite the event, allowing 100 percent of the proceeds to go to CASA of Tarrant County.

NASHVILLE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

In an ever-changing world, traditions are still a treasure. The Bal d'Hiver, the oldest charity ball in Nashville, is one of those traditions. Beginning with the first Bal in 1947, the Nashville Alumnae Chapter has presented exceptional young women, not necessarily Fraternity members, to the Nashville community. This year, 69 lovely and accomplished college seniors were presented. These women have made their mark and will continue to make a difference in the communities in which they choose to live.

As Nashville has transformed since 1947, so has the Bal d'Hiver. This year, the women were connected with mentors within the Theta community, and this

networking opportunity has already landed a few of them some impressive jobs.

Four hundred and fifty people were in attendance at this year's Bal. Since its inception, more than \$5 million has been raised and distributed to charitable organizations. Traditionally, proceeds from the Bal d'Hiver allow us to donate more than \$100,000 each year to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, CASA, and Family & Children's Service.

OKLAHOMA CITY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The 58th annual Flaming Festival market and luncheon featured seasonal and special occasion table tops by alumnae, as well as commercial table displays offering items for sale. The traditional tea table, spread with a selection of small-bite sweets, tea and coffee donated by Theta alumnae, was difficult to pass up, and not many shoppers did.

Guest speaker Heather Christo, a food and entertaining blogger and cookbook author, spoke about party foods and drinks and table centerpieces. Janie Gilbert Axton, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, was honored with the Outstanding Theta Award. All proceeds from the Flaming Festival benefit CASA of Oklahoma County.

ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

The Orange County Alumnae Chapter is celebrating another wonderful year of sisterhood, philanthropy, and successful events. Our schedule held everything from yoga, to brunch, to tea, to happy hour, to a beach cleanup and a St. Patrick's Day Pinterest crafting party.

One of our most successful events is our signature philanthropy, Lawn Bowling. We were taught how to bowl by some awesome volunteers, and then our tournament began. While one team had to come out on top, we all had a great time and the best part of the day was raising money for Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

In honor of Sheila Johnson Cottle, Delta/Illinois, and Suzanne Todd Krapf, Omicron/USC, we formed Team Theta and invited everyone to participate in our



GRAND RAPIDS ALUMNAE CHAPTER



ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER



PALOS VERDES ALUMNAE CHAPTER



SPOKANE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

quest to raise funds for the Parkinson's Association of Los Angeles. Through a 3K walk in September, we raised more than \$1,000 for the cause.

PROVIDENCE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

In our inaugural year, we volunteered in the Ronald McDonald House of Providence Women's Classic 5K Race and Cardi's Furniture 3K Walk. Clean-up in the food tent, clearing of the park's roadways, and parking assistance were just a few of the ways in which we could lend a helping hand.

The foodies in our chapter love to cook for the families who are in residence at the Ronald McDonald House. We reserve a night to serve a delicious home-cooked meal for 25 to 30 people.

Our annual springtime service project benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which has greatly assisted the daughter and grandson of one of our members. Each year in the spring, the KAT Striders lace up our shoes, don our Theta shirts, and trek around beautiful Breton Point State Park, located at the ocean's edge in Newport.

Our latest foray into assisting the families of Rhode Island has been participating in the Children's FRIEND Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive. Our chapter was paired with a family consisting of a single mom working two part-time jobs and two little girls, ages four and seven. Their list was small, and the Providence alumnae exceeded all expectations! The family woke up to a magical Christmas filled with warm coats, hats, gloves, boots and scarves, besides a host of fabulous books, movies, dolls, craft kits and gift cards.

SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

After participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, members of the Southeastern Virginia Alumnae Chapter participated in Day of Service by collecting items for CASA in Portsmouth, Virginia. We collected items for infants and assembled backpacks for the supplies to be distributed to those children in need.

SPOKANE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Jan Martinez, Beta Omega/Colorado College, is a

shining light for the Spokane Alumnae Chapter and all of Spokane. Her caring for and commitment to women in poverty has changed hundreds of lives. Each year our chapter's Day of Service is spent assisting Christ Kitchen, a successful nonprofit, non-denominational job-training program and clinic for impoverished women.

It began by offering a small wage for assembling dried soup mixes. As the program gained community support the kitchen was able to move to a much expanded location and now offers more than 40 products including beverages, breads, cookies, salads, and more. These are grouped into attractive gift baskets and shipped throughout the United States.

Women come to Christ Kitchen from shelters, work releases, and referrals from other ministries; most reside below the federal poverty level. The kitchen offers a work setting in which willing women can gain skills and competencies which in turn improve their confidence and self-image. On average, Christ Kitchen employs more than 40 women annually, working 16,000 hours, transforming more than 1000 lives since its founding.

THETA HEADQUARTERS STAFF

On the Saturday before Day of Service, several Fraternity, Theta Foundation, and Fraternity Housing Corporation staff members volunteered at Second Helpings. This local nonprofit agency accepts donated perishable and overstocked food to prepare nutritious meals for thousands of hungry children and adults every day and distributes them free of charge through local social service agencies in Greater Indianapolis.

In December, staff donated more than 200 boxes of pasta to Second Helpings.

WESTCHESTER ALUMNAE CHAPTER

In honor of Theta's Day of Service members of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter volunteered at the New Rochelle Animal Shelter walking dogs. We also hosted our annual fall luncheon for My Sister's Place, a domestic violence and human trafficking shelter in Westchester County. This year's luncheon raised awareness about sexual assault on college campuses.

WOODLANDS ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Theta alumnae from The Woodlands (Texas) and



PROVIDENCE ALUMNAE CHAPTER



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THETA HEADQUARTERS STAFF



AE/BROWN



ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

surrounding areas assisted Montgomery County CASA with registration, event preparations, and race day tasks for the 2014 CASA Superhero Run. In the Theta tent, volunteers found formerly “lost” alumnae sisters, let our community know about our philanthropies and service projects, and answered questions about CASA’s work in Montgomery County.

Λ/VERMONT

For Day of Service, we volunteered to carve pumpkins for the Haunted Forest. More than 1,000 pumpkins are used to light the paths of this non-profit event, which is dedicated to producing a drug and alcohol-free, fun, and exciting community Halloween event for the past 34 years. Furthermore, the Haunted Forest is an extraordinary combination of outdoor theater, special effects, the magic of the night forest, and the spirit of Halloween.

ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

On Theta’s Day of Service, the sisters of Gamma deutron spent the morning raking leaves at the local cemetery in Delaware, Ohio. We were so excited to give back to the community in any way we could!

P/NEBRASKA

We celebrated Day of Service with four opportunities to demonstrate the widest influence for good. We volunteered at “The Halfsy” half marathon to benefit Habitat for Humanity; at Community Crops, an organization that promotes local health and crop production; at Kids Against Hunger, where we bagged food that will be delivered to under-privileged children across the globe and made 3000 meals; and at the Humane Society to help with an outdoor event.

AE/BROWN

We volunteered at a local elder-care center, Tockwotton, for Day of Service. We invited alumnae in the area to come and volunteer with us, and one alumna’s daughter is in a nationally competitive Irish jig dance troupe. The troupe staged a special performance for us and the residents of Tockwotton. We had so much fun!

AT/CINCINNATI

Recognizing our place in the university’s com-

munity, the surrounding neighborhood, and the Cincinnati community as a whole, Alpha Tau Chapter members gave back both on and off campus throughout Theta’s Day of Service.

The first service opportunity was a 5K put on by the Avondale Running Club to benefit the Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation, whose mission is to improve the quality of life in the Avondale community. We helped prepare water and snacks at the finish line and encouraged the runners on the last leg of the race.

At our facility in the mid-afternoon, we made nearly 500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to donate to a shelter. In the late afternoon, we delivered the sandwiches to the largest homeless shelter in the Greater Cincinnati Area and made a spaghetti dinner for the residents.

Later that evening, we made motivational posters and signs for our local Children’s Hospital. The beautiful signs were hung in rooms and hallways for the children and their families to see. We also hung informational flyers about ProKids, our local chapter of CASA.

ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Re-establishing the Beta Gamma Chapter at Colorado State was a very exciting and wonderful ride for the charter members. With our first philanthropy event, we wanted to establish ourselves as leading women. The philanthropy and service committee put great effort into choosing Cha-Cha for CASA, a dance event featuring various instructors who taught participants different dances, including—of course—the cha-cha.

“We figured Cha-Cha for CASA would be a great way for students to come and support CASA and have a great time while doing it,” said Service and Philanthropy Director Emily Markworth.

This event received campus-wide recognition, was featured in the local student newspaper *The Collegian*, and raised more than \$2,700 for CASA’s local organization, Harmony House in Fort Collins, Colorado.

ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Every February, members of the Gamma Zeta Chapter participate in an 18-hour dance marathon



P/NEBRASKA



ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE



ΔK/LOUISIANA STATE



ΦΔ/STANFORD

known as Huskython. This marathon is a fundraising effort for the Connecticut Children's Miracle Network Hospital. It is the largest student-run philanthropy in the state, and its mission is to raise funds and also awareness for the hospital.

Many Thetas were involved on the Huskython management team, organizing events, fundraising, canning, etc. Thetas also formed a team to dance for the entire 18 hours at the event. As women of Kappa Alpha Theta, we are truly invested in changing the lives of others and, furthermore, changing the lives of children who have an immeasurable amount of strength. Our vision, and the vision of our fellow huskies at the University of Connecticut, is to believe that together we can save kids' lives.

ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Members of the Gamma Nu Chapter spent Day of Service at Churches United Homeless Shelter picking up trash and sorting donations.

ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

We delivered pansies and then visited patients at Carillon, a LifeCare community in Lubbock. We loved this opportunity to give back to our community by spending time with these special men and women and providing pansy centerpieces for the dining tables.

ΓΨ/TCU

Gamma Psi Thetas spent Day of Service with Theta Foundation trustees making foster care boxes for international refugees through Catholic Charities in Fort Worth, Texas. We held a drive to collect supplies throughout the week and compiled boxes and made cards on the actual Day of Service.

ΔK/LSU

The Delta Kappa Chapter partnered with a local animal welfare society to organize a puppy-petting-zoo for the entire LSU community to help alleviate midterm stress. Students petted and played with trained therapy dogs (and Thetas' own furry four-legged friends) and enjoyed free school and testing supplies, drinks, and snacks. The entire community was buzzing about it, and the event went off without a hitch. How could it not, really? "Happiness is a warm puppy," after all!

ΦΔ/STANFORD

In October, we hosted the 28th annual Theta Breakers run, a benefit for Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. More than 350 runners participated, and we raised a record-setting \$35,000 in support of foster youth in Santa Clara County! This money will allow Child Advocates to serve at least 35 additional children, making an immediate impact in the community.

ΕΨ/RICHMOND

Every fall, the Epsilon Psi Chapter holds Capture the Kite, a capture-the-flag tournament that draws hundreds of students from various organizations for an afternoon of fun, food, and philanthropy. Each team is assigned a coach from Theta, and other sisters act as referees. On September 27, teams of students gathered on the intramural fields to compete for the coveted Capture the Kite Trophy. However, this event is not just about winning because all funds are donated to the Jamie and Paige Malone Foundation. Jamie and Paige, both members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter, passed away in a tragic car accident in the summer of 2010. It is so special that we are able to continue their legacy by supporting this Foundation every year. This fall we raised nearly \$1,200 in donations!

ZX/JOHNS HOPKINS

Chapter members helped Friends of Stony Run and Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, cleaning debris and trash from the surrounding river and hiking area.

HT/TAMPA

In partnership with Keeping Tampa Bay Beautiful, we cleaned Picnic Island Park. Thetas were split into teams and assigned to specific areas of the park to pick up litter, pull weeds, and do other beautification activities. A points system was devised for every piece of trash the group picked up, and the teams were responsible for keeping track of their points. At the end of the event all of the points were tallied and the winner was announced. ♦



ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH



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A RESPONSIBILITY AND A PRIVILEGE

RECOMMEND A POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER; INTRODUCE A THETA LEGACY

RECRUITMENT IS A MUTUAL SELECTION PROCESS IN WHICH THE COLLEGE CHAPTER AND POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM) GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. BECAUSE MEMBERSHIP IN KAPPA ALPHA THETA IS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT, RECRUITMENT DEMANDS CAREFUL THOUGHT BY BOTH THE PNM AND COLLEGE CHAPTER. ALTHOUGH NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP, A LETTER OF REFERENCE INTRODUCES A PNM TO THE COLLEGE CHAPTER AND HELPS CHAPTER MEMBERS RECRUIT HER MORE EFFECTIVELY.

LEGACY POLICY

Who is a Theta legacy? A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta. Stepdaughters, step-granddaughters, step-great-granddaughters, and stepsisters are considered legacies if their family considers them as such. All legacies receive every consideration during recruitment. An unfortunate byproduct of the growth in the sorority system is that legacies may not always receive bids. We urge all legacies to maintain an open mind during recruitment in order to ensure the best experience possible.

There is no such thing as an indirect legacy (i.e., cousin, niece), and such persons may not be given special consideration on the invitation list. However, they may have special knowledge of and interest in Theta and should be warmly welcomed and recruited.

There is no preferential treatment given to a "chapter legacy" or a "sitting sister" over a legacy from another chapter.

All legacies will receive an automatic invitation to the second round. The only exception is a legacy who does not meet the scholastic requirements, per individual college chapter bylaws.

Following the first round of recruitment, the executive recruitment board (ERB) will meet to hold a legacy review. A chapter advisor must be present. At that time, the ERB will ensure that each legacy met the average number of members met by all PNMs participating in recruitment for that round and received the average number of votes that day. All legacies should be met by at least two members of the ERB.

Following the second round of recruitment, the recruitment and Panhellenic district director (RPDD) will work with the chapter's chief recruiting officer (CRO) to review all legacies. A legacy that falls below the chapter's carry figure (number of PNMs invited to the subsequent round) may be released if the RPDD determines that she has been given special consideration and is not considered to be a compatible or potentially contributing member of the chapter.

All legacies who remain after the second round of recruitment will be invited to the additional rounds thereafter. No legacy will be permitted to be released after the third round of recruitment or any additional rounds thereafter. This does not mean a legacy is guaranteed a bid. This is dependent upon her placement on the chapter's bid list and quota for the chapter, as determined by Panhellenic. ♦



THETA
LEADING WOMEN

VIEW THETA'S RECRUITMENT WEBINAR

Do you know a young woman who will participate in formal recruitment during the 2015-2016 academic year? After **June 1**, visit kappaalphatheta.org/recruitment to view a recorded webinar with members of Kappa Alpha Theta's recruitment committee to learn more about what potential new members can expect during recruitment, as well as NPC and Theta recruitment policies.

- ☐ I am submitting a letter of reference for a Theta legacy. I have completed all sections of this form.
☐ I am submitting a letter of reference for a non-legacy. I have skipped Section II.

I. General Information

Name of Potential New Member _____
LAST FIRST MI NICKNAME

Reference for _____ Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at _____
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Entering as ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior Age _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____
FULL NAME MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, IF KNOWN

II. Theta Legacy Connections

Kappa Alpha Theta Legacy Information: ☐ Sister ☐ Mother ☐ Grandmother ☐ Great-grandmother

Please Indicate if This Is a Step Relation: _____

Name _____ Chapter _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Post-College Theta Involvement: _____

Name _____ Chapter _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Post-College Theta Involvement: _____

III. Non-Legacy and Panhellenic Connections

Other KAΘ Relatives _____ Chapter _____

Other Women's Fraternity Connections:

Name _____ Relation _____ Fraternity _____

Post-College Involvement: _____

Name _____ Relation _____ Fraternity _____

Post-College Involvement: _____

For RRBC Only

RRBC _____	Signature _____
Address _____ <small>STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE</small>	Phone and/or email _____
Comments _____	

For Chapter Use Only

Required written follow-up with sponsor or RRB:	
Acknowledged reference _____	by _____
Notification of outcome _____	by _____
New member information submitted online: <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no	
If pledged by KAΘ or another NPC group on your campus, please destroy this reference. If not pledged to any NPC group, retain this reference for two years.	

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IMPORTANT:

**WHENEVER POSSIBLE,
PLEASE USE THE
ONLINE LETTER OF
REFERENCE FORM,
RATHER THAN THE
FORM PRINTED HERE.**

The online letter of reference form is sent quickly and securely to the chapter, with no chance of being lost in the mail!

WHAT TO SEND

Complete information about the potential new member's qualifications is essential. There is no need to submit multiple letters of reference. One or two quality references are preferred.

WHO CAN SEND

Any alumna member in good standing may submit letters of reference. Current undergraduate members in good standing may submit letters of reference for potential new members attending universities other than their own. It is acceptable for family members to write a letter of reference.

WHEN TO SEND

Individual chapters should not have deadlines for submission of letters of reference. Chapters are instructed to accept references through preference. It is advisable, however, to send references sooner rather than later.

WHERE TO SEND

For information about how to submit a letter of reference and a legacy introduction (including where to send the form), please go to **www.kappaalphatheta.org**. Log in to the site and click on the Recommend a Potential New Member link on the left.

In all cases, the completed letter of reference may be sent directly to the chapter. If the PNM lives in a recruitment reference board area, the letter of reference may also be sent to the recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC). **Do not** send letters of reference to Fraternity headquarters.

IV. Qualifications and Attributes

Hometown _____

High School _____ Graduation Year _____
NAME, CITY & STATE

Class Size _____ Class Rank _____ GPA/Scale _____ ACT/SAT _____

Previous College(s) Attended _____ College GPA _____
NAME, CITY & STATE

Please write your personal evaluation of the candidate you sponsor. Provide information and relate her qualifications to the categories below. Please check attributes and add comments and examples.

(May attach an additional sheet if space provided is not adequate)

Intellectual Curiosity

- ☐ Honor Student
- ☐ Enrichment Programs
- ☐ Likely to Finish College

Leadership Potential

- ☐ Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Leadership Experience
- ☐ Dependable

Personal Excellence

- ☐ Socially Congenial
- ☐ Good Moral Character
- ☐ Compatible in a Group
- ☐ Loyal Member
- ☐ Poised

Commitment to Service

- ☐ Widest Influence for Good
- ☐ Volunteer Activities
- ☐ Selfless

V. Suggested Topics of Conversation During Recruitment

VI. Endorsement *Please check applicable statements*

- ☐ To my knowledge, this woman is not, nor has ever been, an initiated member of an NPC group.
- ☐ I hereby recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta based upon:
 - ☐ My personal acquaintance with her. I have known her for _____ years.
 - ☐ My acquaintance with this woman is through her family. I have known them for _____ years.
- ☐ I do not know the potential new member personally. This reference was solicited by the potential new member and should be used for information only.
- ☐ I do not recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Name _____ Initiated _____
CHAPTER

Address _____

Email _____ Signature _____ Date _____

My post-college Theta involvement: _____

REMEMBER THETA AND NPC GUIDELINES

Once recruitment has started, alumnae and college members from other campuses must NOT contact members of the college chapter to inquire about progress. Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information. Alumnae are also prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential member. Breaking Panhellenic rules may cause the chapter to be penalized.

NEED HELP DURING RECRUITMENT?

If you need to ask recruitment questions that require immediate attention during the recruitment process, submit the Recruitment Help Request Form available on the Recommend a PNM tab of the Theta website. This form will be sent to the relevant recruitment and Panhellenic district officer (a Fraternity expert in recruitment) who will respond as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS?

Email references@kappaalphatheta.org

'ARE THERE HISTORIC POSTCARDS IN THE COLLECTION?'

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, CA, AX/PURDUE

BEFORE INSTAGRAM, THERE WERE ... POSTCARDS. IN THE PAST, POSTCARDS SERVED THE SAME PURPOSE THAT MANY SOCIAL MEDIA SITES DO TODAY: THEY ALLOWED PEOPLE TO SHARE AN IMAGE OF SOMETHING SPECIAL ALONG WITH A SHORT MESSAGE.

THETA'S ARCHIVE CONTAINS MANY BLANK POSTCARDS, AND IT ALSO HOUSES MANY THAT WERE ACTUALLY MAILED AND RECEIVED. BELOW ARE JUST A FEW GEMS. (PLEASE NOTE: THE TEXT IS REPRINTED EXACTLY FROM THE CARDS.)

X/Syracuse Chapter Facility, 1913

On the reverse, Mildred Elizabeth Baird, X/Syracuse, wrote to Ella Baird Brown, X/Syracuse:

"Dear Ella, The grind has commenced. [indistinguishable] came Saturday PM, Physiology this AM. No cinches either of them. Can't decide whether to come to see you or go to Rochester. I told them to decide at home. Clara Carson's B.H.H. came yesterday. I was at dinner and supper at the Price's yesterday. Love Mildred."



BX/UCLA Chapter Facility, 1941

The last names of both the sender and the recipient are unknown.

"Dear Lenore, your much forwarded letter reached me this morning. Quite unexpectedly I decided to come out here. Left C.V. on Friday June 27. My address is given on this side of card. I am working out California Credentials, (if I can) may I have a rain check on invitation and use it the last of August if you and R.R. are at home? Do want to see you and have our annual gab fest. Love Ruth."

BT/Denison Chapter Facility, 1946

The last name of the sender of this card to Louis Lusk Hundley, BT/Denison, is unknown.

"Hi—Mom Hundley gave me this card—maybe to send to you! I had a lovely time with her this weekend. She's awfully good to me and I guess our mutual loneliness acts as an antidote! Thanks for your nice cards and Susan's. Things are about the same—only my pen's running dry! Love Seta."



A/DePauw Chapter Facility, circa 1920

On the reverse, Ruth Stone Smith, A/DePauw, wrote,

"Theta organization bought this residence known as the Col. Weaver Home. I moved into this Theta House, September 1920. Roommate Evelyn Wylie. Large front room. It was the visiting room.... College days brought us but the happy years and lasting friends and we both have deep loyalty in our Greek Fraternities." ♦

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Casey Crownhart
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Mariah I. Hake
Karen Hao
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Dina Levy-Lambert
Kelly Liu
Colleen Loynachan
Laura Lu
Nancy Lu

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A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.

A/DEPAUW

Marilou Morrell Kelly; 1952, July 2014
Barbara Fowler Maddox; 1944, October 2014
Marilyn Stevenson Morrison; 1948, January 2015
Corinne Pulliam Quayle; 1940, November 2014
Barbara Green Stricker; 1944, December 2014
Ann Greer Witte; 1952, November 2014

B/INDIANA

Pamela Stoner Burt; 1963, December 2014
Susan Stull Handley; 1938, November 2014
Patricia Crimmins Kaier; 1932, May 2014

G/BUTLER

Jeanne Sutton Jones; 1944, January 2015
Carol Hyman Walker; 1939, January 2015

Δ/ILLINOIS

Anne Noble Gher; 1944, January 2015
Susan Yapp Marshall; 1975, November 2014
Jeanne Dickson Vale; 1952, November 2014

H/MICHIGAN

Lois Basse Gibbs; 1939, October 2014
Jean Bonisteel Knecht; 1935, December 2014
Mary Manley Ponsetto; 1949, September 2014
Mary Carpenter Smith; 1944, January 2015

K/KANSAS

Jeannette Bowen Runyan; 1935, February 2014
Nancy Calhoun Swenarton; 1935, October 2014

Λ/VERMONT

Marguerite Donnelly Meyer; 1967, July 2013

ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Dorothy Seiller Leighninger Baldwin; 1933, December 2014
Jane Richards Kyle; 1935, January 2015
Evelyn Long Mauck; 1945, November 2014
Mary Van Brunt Robinson; 1945, January 2015
Barbara Reeder Vandersall; 1955, December 2014
Nancy Martin Wilkins; 1955, December 2014
Sally Kimmel Young; 1952, December 2014

O/USC

Ann Golding Holcomb; 1957, November 2014

P/NEBRASKA

Diane Devriendt; 1954, January 2015
Elizabeth Lobdell Ogden; 1941, October 2014
Jean York Wiedman; 1942, January 2015

T/NORTHWESTERN

Jane Warne Beeder; 1954, January 2015
Pat O'Madigan Gano; 1954, April 2014
Candace Kittle Schafer Mills; 1965, November 2014

Φ/PACIFIC

Joan Swanson Jantzen; 1961, December 2014

X/SYRACUSE

Janet Fuller McKelvey; 1949, December 2014

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Virginia Kemp Peterson; 1944, September 2014

O/UC BERKELEY

Jeanette Bravinder Simpson; 1943, December 2014

ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Deborah Leggett Carnes; 1972, January 2014
Kay Ditzel Castignola; 1977, January 2015
Alene Pryor Hinshaw; 1943, December 2014
Elizabeth Gill Kurtz; 1933, November 2014
Marilyn Fassen Leinberger; 1948, October 2014
Jane Palmer Mitchell; 1942, December 2014

AH/VANDERBILT

Betty Martin Nichols; 1946, January 2015
Mary Bell Overton; 1940, May 2014
Sara King Wright; 1936, December 2014

ΑΘ/TEXAS

Florence Aves Bland; 1937, January 2015
Sidney Stinnett Boyce; 1950, October 2014
Jusine Digby-Roberts Grisham; 1947, November 2014
Ann McNamara Jordan; 1958, December 2014

ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Sydney Shepard Fredrick; 1956, November 2014
Sally Broom Glase; 1961, September 2014
Marilyn Steinmetz Lynch; 1946, October 2014
Joan Latimer Maurer; 1943, December 2014
Sally-Bruce Blackford McClatchey; 1939, January 2015
Dorothy Pierce Nissler; 1933, June 2014

AM/MISSOURI

Susan Hill Eberle; 1951, November 2014
Lynn Jones Fight; 1948, February 2015
Joned Billings Colvin Slover; 1948, November 2014
Susan N. Zorsch; 1989, January 2015

AN/MONTANA

Dorothy Rochon Powers; 1940, October 2014

ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA

Shannon Berent Gullickson; 1962, July 2014

ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Ruth Cowling Schuldt; 1943, October 2014

ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Mildred Cannon Elmgren; 1947, January 2015

ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

Ann Harner Draud; 1939, January 2015
Jeanne Tatem Hines; 1933, December 2014
Barbara Hess Precht; 1956, November 2006
Mary Jane Reemelin Robinson; 1964, November 2014

ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Katrina Verschelden Clark; 1958, January 2015

ΑΦ/TULANE

Almeta Haggard Gold; 1960, February 2015

ΑΧ/PURDUE

Ellen Scholefield Alshouse; 1948, January 2015
Jama Williams Fields; 1975, October 2014
Leslie Bohlin Freeland; 1966, June 2014
Alison Mead Baker Frenzel; 1950, December 2014
Marjorie Seibert Hunter; 1938, September 2014
Nancy Shank Pedder; 1961, December 2014
Jean Anne Heinmiller Willoughby; 1944, January 2015

ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Margaret Gilbert Schmerein; 1938, January 2015

ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Anna E. Asmussen; 1980, September 2014

ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Wilma Smith Arnold; 1942, October 2014
Betty Ludeman Trumbula; 1955, July 2014

ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA

Mary Stauffer McDuffie; 1940, December 2014

ΒΘ/IDAHO

Margaret Eiselstein Bottger; 1943, November 2014

ΒΙ/COLORADO

Alice White Fowler; 1946, September 2014

ΒΚ/DRAKE

Carol Vickroy Barrington; 1970, December 2014
Mary Miller Bryan; 1946, December 2014
Elizabeth Anne Plummer Ferguson; 1943, January 2015
Doris Harrod Holmes; 1944, February 2015
Brenda Palian Tabor; 1959, February 2014

ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY

Olivia Naples Bostic; 1994, July 2014

ΒΜ/NEVADA

Dorothy Atcheson Thrane; 1937, January 2014

ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Eleanor Scott Brandon; 1937, January 2015
Ruth Garrison Wright; 1940, February 2014

ΒΞ/UCLA

Diane Comerford Donnell; 1950, February 2015
Sydney Stalder Fast; 1935, November 2014
Ann McCament Stewart; 1946, December 2014

ΒΟ/IOWA

Dorothy M. Johansen; 1945, October 2014

ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Timarie Ellis Freeman; 1977, December 2014
Josephine Besancon Gargett; 1937, February 2015
Joanne Swarts Peffers; 1948, November 2014
Shirley Hamelink Porter; 1943, December 2014

ΒΣ/SMU

Barbara Clayton Anderson; 1949, December 2014
Mary Emily Ferguson Hill Driver; 1954, December 2014
Joanne Magee Heath-McClain; 1976, January 2015

ΒΤ/DENISON

Marlene Thompson Gaskill-Franck; 1951, October 2014
Christine Hulbert Rutledge; 1966, June 2014
Jean Upham Sauter; 1940, November 2014

ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mary Bickle Emery; 1955, March 2014

ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Margaret Hussey Emmers; 1943, October 2014
Grace Baer Holderman; 1931, January 2015
Irma Winter McCall; 1941, October 2014

ΓΔ/GEORGIA

Catherine Berry Blanton; 1943, November 2014
Margie Seymour Myrick; 1946, November 2014

ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Sandi Bishop Howard; 1953, December 2014
Roberta Mann LaFreniere; 1948, November 2014

ΓΗ/MASSACHUSETTS

Phoebe Jones Snyder; 1949, April 2014

ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON

Nancy Metcalf Valle; 1949, July 2013

ΓΙ/KENTUCKY

Eleanor Fort Shike; 1946, December 2014
Carolyn Setzer Sparks; 1960, November 2014

ΓΜ/MARYLAND

Carol Witt MacPhail; 1962, September 2014
Deborah Sebastian Olsen; 1976, January 2015

ΓΝ/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Mildred Strong Bean; 1947, January 2015
Barbara Snyder Johnson; 1950, February 2015
Virginia Egan Lagather; 1961, November 2014
Anne L. Stegner; 1947, November 2014

ΓΤ/TULSA

June Mathis Sisson; 1951, November 2014

ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

June Coker Wendel; 1954, July 2014

ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE

Patricia Kyler Astone; 1959, November 2014
Linda Bridges Veninga; 1961, December 2014

ΓΟ/AUBURN

Stacy Burley Moore; 1980, August 2014
Antje Heide Neubert; 1964, October 2014

ΔΣ/BALL STATE

Julie Krumwied Ayres; 1985, November 2014

ΔΩ/TEXAS A & M

Gwendolyn Davis Lipetska; 1990, January 2015

ΕΩ/WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON

Rochelle R. Tatrai; 1988, December 2014

ΖΥ/SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Linda Brombach McCarty; 1999, September 2014 ◇

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Gina Rene White

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Amanda Hyssong
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Christina Nestor
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Lia M. Quinones
Alexandra Rigby
Sommer SanFilippo
Megan Siegel
Kelli D. Story
Jennifer Tatara
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BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE (SEE PAGE 40)

She credited her CASA advocate with helping her find her “forever home” and teaching her about trust and love.

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